IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

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Chapter 11
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,

Debtors¹
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(Jointly Administered)

ORDER (I) SCHEDULING COMBINED HEARING ON
(A) ADEQUACY OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
(B) CONFIRMATION OF PLAN; (II) CONDITIONALLY APPROVING
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND FORM AND MANNER OF
NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HEARING;
(III) ESTABLISHING SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES;
(IV) ESTABLISHING NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES
FOR CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED PLAN; (V) APPROVING
NOTICE PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OR REJECTION OF
EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES; (VI) APPROVING NOTICE
PROCEDURES FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CLAIMS; (VII) ESTABLISHING
RIGHTS OFFERING PROCEDURES; AND (VIII) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the emergency motion, dated November 3, 2023 (the "Motion"), Core Scientific, Inc., and its debtor affiliates in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order pursuant to sections 365, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1128, and 105 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rules 2002, 3001, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3020, 6004, and 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rules 2002-1 and 3016-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules

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for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), and the Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas (effective as of January 1, 2023, the "Complex Case Procedures"), the Debtors request entry of an order (this "Order"):

- i. scheduling a combined hearing ("Combined Hearing") to approve the Disclosure Statement and consider confirmation of the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors* (Docket No. [●]) (including any exhibits and schedules thereto and as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "Plan").²
- ii. conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors* (Docket No. [●]) (including any exhibits and schedules thereto and as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**") as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- iii. approving the form and manner of notice of the hearing to conditionally consider the proposed Disclosure Statement³;
- iv. approving the form and manner of the notice (the "Combined Hearing Notice") of the Combined Hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**;
- v. approving procedures for (a) soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes to accept or reject the Plan and (b) voting to accept or reject the Plan (the "Solicitation and Voting Procedures"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2;
- vi. approving the ballots (the "Ballots") the Debtors will send to Holders of Claims and Interests entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits 3–12;
- vii. finding that the solicitation materials and documents included in the solicitation packages to be sent to Holders of Claims and Interests entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan (the "Solicitation Packages") are in compliance with Bankruptcy Rules 2002(b) and 3017(d);

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or the Motion, as applicable. An updated version of the Plan reflecting the terms of the Mediated Settlement will be filed in the coming days and will amend the prior plan filed on September 7, 2023 at Docket No. 1199.

³ An updated version of the Disclosure Statement reflecting the terms of the Mediated Settlement will be filed in the coming days and will amend the prior Disclosure Statement filed on September 7, 2023 at Docket No. 1200.

- viii. approving the form of notice that the Debtors will send to Holders of Claims and Interests that are Unimpaired under the Plan and that are, pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, conclusively presumed to accept the Plan, and (the "Notice of Non-Voting Status"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 13,
 - ix. approving the form of opt-out that the Debtors will send to Other Beneficial Owners (as defined below) and Holders of Claims and Interests that are Unimpaired under the Plan and that are, pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, conclusively presumed to accept the Plan (the "Release Opt Out Form"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 14;
 - x. establishing **December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)** as the deadline by which Holders of Claims and Interests entitled to vote may vote to accept or reject the Plan (the "**Voting Deadline**");
- xi. establishing **December 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** (**Prevailing Central Time**) as the deadline to object to adequacy of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan (the "**Combined Objection Deadline**");
- xii. approving the procedures for assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of the Debtors' executory contracts and unexpired leases (the "Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases");
- xiii. approving the procedures for noticing and resolving disputes relating to proposed Cure Amounts (as defined in the Plan) (if any) for the Reinstatement of Other Secured Claims in Class 4 (the "Reinstatement Cure Procedures");
- xiv. approving the proposed procedures for the Rights Offering (the "**Rights Offering Procedures**"); and
- xv. granting related relief.

all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion; and this Court having held a hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Hearing"); and all objections, if any, to the

Motion having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective estates and creditors; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Conditional Approval of Disclosure Statement.

- 1. The Disclosure Statement is hereby conditionally approved as providing Holders of Claims and Interests entitled to vote on the Plan with adequate information to make an informed decision as to whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan within the meaning of section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code and complies with Bankruptcy Rule 3016(c) and is subject to final approval of the Court at the Combined Hearing. No further or additional information is necessary or required.
- 2. The Disclosure Statement (including all applicable exhibits thereto) provides Holders of Claims and Interests and other parties in interest with sufficient notice of the proposed settlement, injunction, exculpation, and release provisions contained in Article X of the Plan, in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3016(c).
- 3. The procedures pursuant to which the Debtors provided notice to the parties entitled to notice of the time, date, and place of the Conditional Disclosure Statement Hearing provided due, proper, and adequate notice, comport with due process, and comply with all applicable Bankruptcy Rules and Bankruptcy Local Rules. No further notice is required or necessary.

Approval of Solicitation and Voting Procedures and Materials and Timeline for Soliciting Votes for Confirming Plan.

Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

- 4. The Solicitation and Voting Procedures, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, provide for a fair and equitable voting process and are consistent with section 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 3017 and 3018 and are hereby approved in their entirety.
- 5. The Debtors are hereby authorized to solicit, receive, and tabulate votes to accept the Plan in accordance with the Solicitation and Voting Procedures. The solicitation period during which the Debtors will solicit votes to accept or reject the Plan is a reasonable and sufficient period of time for Holders of Claims and Interests in the Voting Classes to make an informed decision regarding whether to accept or reject the Plan and timely return Ballots evidencing such decision.

Solicitation and Confirmation Timeline.

6. The following dates and deadlines are hereby established (subject to modification as necessary) are approved with respect to the solicitation of the Plan, voting on the Plan, and confirmation of the Plan, as well as filing objections to confirmation of the Plan and approving the Disclosure Statement on a final basis:

PROPOSED SOLICITATION AND CONFIRMATION TIMETABLE	
Voting Record Date for Holders of Claims and Interests	November 9, 2023
Conditional Disclosure Statement Hearing	November 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)
Rights Offering Record Date	November 16, 2023

PROPOSED SOLICITATION AND CONFIRMATION TIMETABLE		
Mailing Deadline for Combined Hearing Notice	November 17, 2023 (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter)	
Solicitation Mailing Deadline		
Rights Offering Subscription Period Commences		
Deadline for Initial Commitment Parties to fund Backstop Commitment Deposit to the Escrow Account (as defined in the Rights Offering Procedures)		
Deadline for Holders of Existing Common Interests to become Additional Commitment Parties to in Rights Offering	November 27, 2023	
Deadline for Debtors to File Claims Objections for Voting Purposes or to Request Claim Estimation for Voting Purposes	December 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)	
Mailing Deadline for Cure Amounts and Filing of Cure Notice	December 5, 2023	
Plan Supplement Filing Deadline	December 8, 2023	
Rights Offering Subscription Deadline		
Deadline for Subscription Rights Holder to Remit Payment to Subscription Agent		
Rule 3018(a) Motion Deadline	December 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)	
Voting Deadline and Opt Out Deadline Deadline to Send Funding Notice to Commitment Parties	December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)	

PROPOSED SOLICITATION AND CONFIRMATION TIMETABLE	
Deadline to Object to Disclosure Statement and Plan	December 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)
Ballot Certification Deadline	December 18, 2023
Assumption and Cure Objection Deadline	December 19, 2023
Deadline to File Confirmation Brief and Reply to Plan Objection(s) Backstop Commitment Funding Deadline	December 20, 2023
Combined Hearing	December 22, 2023 at [•] a.m./p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) (subject to Court's availability)

Solicitation Packages.

- 7. The Solicitation Packages, and each of the documents contained therein (substantially in the form attached hereto), including, but not limited to, the Ballots, are APPROVED.
- 8. The Debtors shall mail, or cause to be mailed, the Solicitation Packages on or before the Solicitation Mailing Deadline, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, to Holders of Claims and Interests in the Voting Classes entitled to vote on the Plan as of the Voting Record Date, as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3017(d). The Debtors shall also provide complete Solicitation Packages (excluding Ballots) to the U.S. Trustee and all parties required to be notified under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and Local Rule 2002-1.
 - 9. Solicitation Packages shall contain copies of:

- (a) this Order (without attachments, except as set forth below);
- (b) the Disclosure Statement with all exhibits thereto, including the Plan;
- (c) Solicitation and Voting Procedures, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**;
- (d) the Combined Hearing Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**;
- (e) the applicable form of Ballot customized (where possible and appropriate) for such holder, substantially in the form of Ballots attached hereto as **Exhibits 3–12**;
- (f) a letter from the Equity Committee supporting the Plan and recommending that the Holders of Existing Common Interests in Class 12 vote to accept the Plan, attached hereto as **Exhibit 16**; and
- (g) a postage-prepaid return envelope.
- (without attachments except the Solicitation and Voting Procedures) via USB flash drive, such that only the Ballots and the Combined Hearing Notice shall be served in paper format, except as otherwise provided in this Order and the Solicitation and Voting Procedures. Any creditor or equity holder for which service by USB flash drive imposes a hardship may request an additional copy of the Disclosure Statement (and attachments) and Order (without attachments except the Solicitation and Voting Procedures) in paper format by contacting Stretto through (i) e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., c/o Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc. 410 Exchange, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949).404.4152 (Toll-Free) or +1888.765.7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Upon receipt of an email, telephonic, or written request, the Debtors shall provide such creditor with a paper copy of the Plan and the Disclosure Statement at no cost to the creditor within five (5) days, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

- 11. The Voting Agent is authorized to assist the Debtors in (i) distributing the Solicitation Packages, (ii) receiving, tabulating, and reporting on Ballots cast to accept or reject the Plan by Holders of Claims and Interests, (iii) responding to inquiries from Holders of Claims and Interests and other parties in interest relating to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Ballots, the Solicitation Packages, and all other related documents and matters related thereto, including the procedures and requirements for voting to accept or reject the Plan and for objecting to the Plan, (iv) soliciting votes on the Plan, and (v) if necessary or appropriate, contacting creditors and equity Holders regarding the Plan, the Ballots, the Solicitation Packages and all other related documents and matters related thereto.
- 12. Holders of transferred Claims entitled to vote on the Plan shall receive a Solicitation Package only if: (i) all actions necessary to transfer such Claim are completed by the Voting Record Date or (ii) the transferee files, by the Voting Record Date, (a) all documentation required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) to evidence the transfer and (b) a sworn statement of the transferor supporting the validity of the transfer. In the event a Claim is transferred after the Voting Record Date, the transferee of such Claim shall be bound by any vote or election on the Plan made by the Holder of such Claim as of the Voting Record Date.
- 13. The Voting Agent is authorized to accept Ballots (i) by first-class mail in the return envelope provided with each Ballot, (ii) by overnight courier, (iii) by hand delivery, or (iv) via Stretto's online balloting portal at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific. The encrypted Ballot data and audit trail created by electronic submission via Stretto's E-Ballot shall become part of the record of any Ballot submitted in this manner and the creditor's electronic signature shall be deemed to be immediately legally valid and effective.

- 14. The Debtors are authorized, but not required, to (i) waive any defects or irregularities as to any Ballot at any time, either before or after the Voting Deadline, or (ii) extend the Voting Deadline; *provided*, that any such waivers or extensions shall be subject to the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors and documented in the Voting Agent's Voting Report.
- 15. The Debtors are not required to mail Solicitation Packages or Notices of Non-Voting Status to Holders (i) that have Claims and Interests that have already been paid in full during these chapter 11 cases, (ii) whose prior mailings in these chapter 11 cases were returned as undeliverable and that have not provided a forwarding address by the Voting Record Date, and (iii) that have Claims or Interests, as applicable, in Class 9 (Intercompany Claims) or Class 10(Intercompany Interests). In the event that the United States Postal Service returns some Solicitation Packages or Notices of Non-Voting Status as undeliverable, the Debtors shall be excused from re-mailing such Solicitation Packages or Notices of Non-Voting Status. The failure to mail such Solicitation Packages, Notices of Non-Voting Status, or any other materials related to voting or confirmation of the Plan to such entities will not constitute inadequate notice of the Combined Hearing or the Voting Deadline and shall not constitute a violation of Bankruptcy Rule 3017.

Notice of Non-Voting Status.

- 16. The Notice of Non-Voting Status is APPROVED.
- 17. The proposed form and manner of service of the Notice of Non-Voting Status provide due, proper, and adequate notice, comport with due process, and comply with all

⁴ For purposes of serving the Solicitation Packages, the Debtors are authorized to rely on the address information for Voting and Non-Voting Classes as compiled, updated, and maintained by the Voting Agent as of the Voting Record Date, and the Debtors and the Voting Agent are not required to conduct any additional research for updated addresses based on undeliverable Solicitations Packages (including Ballots).

applicable Bankruptcy Rules and Bankruptcy Local Rules. No further notice is required or necessary.

- 18. Except to the extent that the Debtors determine otherwise, the Debtors are not required to provide Solicitation Packages to Holders of Claims and Interests in Non-Voting Classes, as such Holders are not entitled to vote on the Plan. Instead, on or before the Solicitation Mailing Deadline, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Voting Agent shall mail a Notice of Non-Voting Status, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 13**, a Combined Hearing Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and a Release Opt Out Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 14** to the Holders of Claims in Class 4 (Other Secured Claims) and Class 7 (Priority Non-Tax Claims) in lieu of a Solicitation Package.
- 19. The requirement to serve a Notice of Non-Voting Status, Release Opt Out Form, Combined Hearing Notice, or any other type of notice in connection with solicitation of the Plan to Holders of Claims or Interests in Class 9 (Intercompany Claims) or Class 10 (Intercompany Interests) is hereby waived.

Release Opt Out Form.

- 20. The Release Opt Out Form is APPROVED.
- 21. The Release Opt Out Form complies with the Bankruptcy Code, applicable Bankruptcy Rules, and the applicable Bankruptcy Local Rules and Complex Case Procedures and, together with the Combined Hearing Notice and, as applicable, the Notice of Non-Voting Status, provides adequate notice to Other Beneficial Owners and Holders of Claims in Class 4 (Other Secured Claims) and Class 7 (Priority Non-Tax Claims). No further notice is required or necessary.

- 22. In addition to serving the Release Opt Out Form on Holders of Claims in Class 4 (Other Secured Claims) and Class 7 (Priority Non-Tax Claims) as described above, the Debtors shall cause to be mailed (i) the Release Opt Out Form and (ii) the Combined Hearing Notice, to the banks, brokers, and financial institutions (or their agents) that might have purchased equity securities in "street name" (collectively, including their agents, the "Nominees") on behalf of the underlying beneficial owners of those equity securities during the period from January 3, 2022 through December 20, 2022, inclusive (the "Other Beneficial Owners"). With their mailing, the Debtors shall include instructions to the Nominees concerning the requirements in subparagraphs (a)–(d) below.
 - (a) Such Nominees shall either: (i) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Release Opt Out Form and Combined Hearing Notice, request from the Debtors sufficient copies of the Release Opt Out Form and Combined Hearing Notice to forward to all Other Beneficial Owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those notices and claim forms forward them to all Other Beneficial Owners; or (ii) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Release Opt Out Form and Combined Hearing Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all Other Beneficial Owners to the Debtors and the Debtors shall send the Release Opt Out Form and Combined Hearing Notice promptly to such identified Other Beneficial Owners.
 - (a) Nominees that elect to send the Release Opt Out Form and Combined Hearing Notice to their Other Beneficial Owners shall also send a statement to the Debtors and Stretto confirming that the mailing was made and shall retain their mailing records for use in connection with any further notices that may be provided in these Chapter 11 Cases.
 - (b) If it is the Nominee's customary and accepted practice to forward such materials to Other Beneficial Owners by e-mail, e-delivery, or any other method of electronic or printed communication, the Nominees are authorized to follow those customary practices, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the materials, in lieu of sending actual printed copies of the Release Opt Out Form and Combined Hearing Notice.
 - (c) Within seven (7) calendar days of forwarding such notice, the Nominees may request reimbursement for reasonable and documented noticing costs and research fees, if any, by making such request in writing to the Debtors at the address to be provided by Stretto to the Nominees.

- 23. The Opt Out Deadline shall be **December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** (Prevailing Central Time).
- 24. All Release Opt Out Forms must be properly completed and returned either by (i) delivering the Release Opt Out Form to the Voting Agent or (ii) submitting the Release Opt Out Form by electronic, online transmission through the Online Portal, each in accordance with the instructions included on the Release Opt Out Form.

Rights Offering Procedures.

- 25. The Rights Offering Procedures, attached hereto as **Exhibit 15**, are fair and appropriate.
- 26. The Subscription Form, including all instructions provided therein, provides adequate information and instructions for each individual entitled to participate in the Rights Offering. No further information or instructions are necessary.

Combined Hearing Notice.

- 27. The Combined Hearing Notice is APPROVED.
- 28. The form and proposed manner of service of the Combined Hearing Notice provide due, proper, and adequate notice, comport with due process, and comply with all applicable Bankruptcy Rules and Bankruptcy Local Rules. No further notice is required or necessary.
- 29. The Debtors are authorized to give supplemental publication notice of the Combined Hearing in the national edition of The Wall Street Journal and the local editions of the Austin American-Statesman, Odessa American, Pecos Enterprise, Denton Record Chronicle, Cherokee Scout, Dalton Daily Citizen, The Lake News, Grand Forks Herald, and Muskogee Phoenix, as well as other publications, as the Debtors deem appropriate.

Combined Hearing.

30. The Combined Hearing will begin on **December 22, 2023 at [•] p.m.** (**Prevailing Central Time**), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard; *provided*, *however*, that the Combined Hearing may be adjourned or continued from time to time by the Court or the Debtors, with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors, without further notice other than adjournments announced in open Court or as indicated in any notice of agenda of matters scheduled for hearing filed by the Debtors with the Court.

Objection Procedures.

- 31. The deadline to file an objection to the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement or confirmation of the Plan shall be **December 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** (**Prevailing Central Time**) (the "**Combined Objection Deadline**").
- 32. Objections and responses, if any, to confirmation of the Plan, must: (i) be in writing; (ii) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and any order of the Court; (iii) set forth the name of the objecting party, the nature and amount of Claims or Interests held or asserted by the objecting party against the Debtors' estates or property; and (iv) provide the basis for the objection, and the specific grounds therefor. Registered users of this Court's case filing system must electronically file their objections and responses on or before the Plan Objection Deadline. All other parties in interest must file their objections and responses in writing with the United States Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office, United States Courthouse, 515 Rusk Avenue, Courtroom 401, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.
- 33. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3020(b), if no objection is timely filed, this Court may determine that the Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by law without receiving evidence on such issues.
- 34. Objections to confirmation of the Plan that are not timely filed, served, and actually received in the manner set forth above shall not be considered and shall be deemed overruled.

35. The Debtors and any parties in interest are authorized to file and serve replies or an omnibus reply to any such objections along with a brief in support of confirmation of the Plan (the "Confirmation Brief") either separately or in a single, consolidated document on or before December 20, 2023.

Approval of Notices to Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease Counterparties.

36. The procedures set forth in the Motion regarding notice to all parties of the assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of the applicable Debtors' Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, provide due, proper, and adequate notice, comport with due process and comply with Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 3017 and 3020, and are hereby approved. No further or additional notice is required or necessary.

Approval of Reinstatement Cure Procedures

37. The procedures set forth in the Motion regarding notice of proposed Cure Amounts to Holders of Other Secured Claims in Class 4 provide due, proper, and adequate notice, comport with due process, and comply with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3020, and are hereby approved. No further or additional notice is required or necessary. For the avoidance of all doubt, any Holder of Other Secured Claims in Class 4 that does not comply with the objection procedures related to the proposed Cure Amounts contained in the Motion and in the Plan shall be deemed to have consented to the Reinstatement of its Claim and the proposed Cure Amount listed therein and shall be shall forever be barred and enjoined from objecting to the Reinstatement of its Claim.

Plan Supplement Filing Deadline.

38. The Debtors are authorized to file the Plan Supplement with the Court commencing on **December 8, 2023** (the "**Plan Supplement Filing Deadline**").

General.

- 39. The Debtors, in consultation with the Requisite Consenting Creditors, are authorized to make non-substantive changes, to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Ballots, and related documents without further order of the Court including, without limitation, changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors and to make conforming changes among the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and any other materials in the Solicitation Packages prior to mailing.
- 40. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order or any payment made pursuant to the authority granted by this Order is intended to be or shall be deemed as (i) an implication or admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors, (ii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim, (iii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable nonbankruptcy law, (iv) a waiver of the obligation of any party in interest to file a proof of claim, (v) an agreement or obligation to pay any Claims and Interests, (vi) a waiver of any Claims and Interests or causes of action which may exist against any creditor or interest Holder, or (vii) an approval, assumption, adoption, or rejection of any agreement, contract, lease, program, or policy under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 41. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a waiver of the right of the Debtors or any other party in interest, as applicable, to object to a proof of claim after the Voting Record Date

42. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with

Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

43. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient

notice of such Motion, and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Bankruptcy Local

Rules are satisfied by such notice.

44. The Debtors are authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to carry

out the relief granted in this Order.

45. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising

from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

Dated: ______, 2023 Houston, Texas

> CHRISTOPHER M. LOPEZ UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Exhibit 2

Form of Solicitation and Voting Procedures

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 21, 2022, Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors") each filed a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On January 9, 2023, the U.S. Trustee appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors. On March 23, 2023, the U.S. Trustee appointed an official committee of equity security holders. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) and Bankruptcy Local Rule 1015-1.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on [●], 2023, the Court entered the Order (I) Conditionally Approving Disclosure Statement and Form and Manner of Notice of Conditional Disclosure Statement Hearing; (II) Establishing Solicitation and Voting Procedures; (III) Establishing Rights Offering Procedures, (IV) Establishing Notice and Objection Procedures for Confirmation of Proposed Plan; (V) Approving Notice Procedures for the Assumption or Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; and (VI) Granting Related Relief (Docket No. [●]) (the "Disclosure Statement Order"), which, among other things, (i) authorized the Debtors to solicit votes on the Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors (Docket No. [●]) (the "Plan") and (ii) conditionally approved the

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Disclosure Statement for the Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors (Docket No. [●]) (the "**Disclosure Statement**").

A. Parties Entitled to Vote.

Holders of Claims and Interests in Class 1 (April Convertible Notes Secured Claims), Class 2 (August Convertible Notes Secured Claims), Class 3 (Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims), Class 5 (M&M Lien Secured Claims), Class 6 (Secured Mortgage Claims), Class 8 (General Unsecured Claims), Class 11 (Section 510(b) Claims), and Class 12 (Existing Common Interests) are Impaired and entitled to receive distributions under the Plan and, thus, may vote to accept or reject the Plan, subject to certain exceptions discussed below (each, a "Voting Class," and collectively, the "Voting Classes").

A Holder of a Claim or Interest in a Voting Class is nonetheless not entitled to vote to the extent that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date (as defined below), the outstanding amount of such creditor's Claim is zero (\$0.00);
- (b) as of the Voting Record Date, such Holders' Claim or Interest has been Disallowed, expunged, disqualified or suspended;
- (c) such creditor has not timely filed a Proof of Claim in accordance with the *Order (I) Establishing Deadlines to File Proofs of Claim and (II) Approving Form and Manner of Notice Thereof* (Docket No. 652) (the "Bar Date Order") as of the Bar Date and the Debtors have not scheduled such creditor's Claim or have scheduled such creditor's Claim in an undetermined amount or as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed or such creditor is not required to file a Proof of Claim pursuant to the Bar Date Order; *provided*, that to the extent that such creditor's deadline to file a Claim arising from any rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to which such creditor is party has not yet occurred, such creditor will be entitled to vote in the amount of \$1.00 on account of such Claim; or
- (d) such creditor's Claim is subject to an objection, a request for estimation, or an adversary proceeding as of **December 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** (**Prevailing Central Time**), subject to the procedures set forth below; *provided* that, any such Holder shall receive a Ballot and may submit such Ballot on a provisional basis and may elect to opt out of the Non-Debtor Release Provisions contained in the Plan. To the extent such Holder does not file a Rule 3018 Motion in accordance with the instructions set forth below, the Ballot will not be counted for voting purposes; however, any opt out election made by such Holder on its Ballot with respect to the Non-Debtor Release Provisions contained in the Plan shall be valid so long as such Ballot is submitted in accordance with the procedures set forth herein. To the extent such Holder files a Rule 3018 Motion in accordance with the instructions set forth below, the extent to which such Ballot shall be counted for voting purposes will be determined by the Court or as otherwise agreed by the Debtors and the Holder.

With respect to transfers of Claims required to be filed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e), the transferee shall be entitled to receive a Solicitation Package (as defined below) and,

if the Holder of such Claim is otherwise entitled to vote with respect to the Plan, cast a Ballot (defined below) on account of such Claim only if: (i) all actions necessary to transfer such Claim are completed by the Voting Record Date or (ii) the transferee files with the Court, by the Voting Record Date, (a) all documentation required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) to evidence the transfer and (b) a sworn statement of the transferor supporting the validity of the transfer. In the event a Claim is transferred after the Voting Record Date, the transferee of such Claim shall be bound by any vote or election on the Plan made by the Holder of such Claim as of the Voting Record Date.

Where any portion of a single Claim has been transferred to a transferee and notice of such transfer is required to be filed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e), all Holders of any portion of such single Claim may be (i) treated as a single creditor for purposes of the numerosity requirements in section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (ii) required to vote every portion of such Claim collectively to accept or reject the Plan. In the event that (i) a Ballot, (ii) a group of Ballots within a Voting Class received from a single creditor, or (iii) a group of Ballots received from the various Holders of multiple portions of a single Claim partially reject and partially accept the Plan, such Ballots may not be counted in the Debtors' discretion.

B. Parties Not Entitled to Vote.

Holders of Claims in Class 4 (Other Secured Claims) and Class 7 (Priority Non-Tax Claims) will (i) receive full recovery of their Allowed Claims under the Plan, (ii) have their Claims adjusted or reinstated, or (iii) otherwise receive treatment in the Debtors' or Reorganized Debtors' discretion as to render such Holder's Claim Unimpaired (collectively, the "Unimpaired Classes"). Pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Holders of such Claims in these Unimpaired Classes are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote on the Plan.

Holders of Claims and Interests in Class 9 (Intercompany Claims), and Class 10 (Intercompany Interests) are Unimpaired and such Holders are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code and, accordingly, are not entitled to vote on the Plan (together with the Unimpaired Classes, the "Non-Voting Classes").

C. Voting Record Date.

The Court has established <u>November 9, 2023</u> as the record date for purposes of determining (i) which Holders of Claims and Interests in the Voting Classes are entitled to vote on the Plan and (ii) which Holders of Claims and Interests are entitled to receive a Notice of Non-Voting Status (as defined below) (the "Voting Record Date").

D. Establishing Claim Amounts for Voting Purposes.

April Convertible Notes Secured Claims (Class 1). The amount of each April Convertible Notes Secured Claim, for voting purposes only, will be each Holder's Pro Rata Share of \$350,000,000.³

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³ For the avoidance of all doubt, for distribution purposes the April Convertible Notes Secured Claim shall include postpetition interest at the applicable contract rate for the period following January 15, 2024.

<u>August Convertible Notes Secured Claims (Class 2)</u>. The amount of each August Convertible Notes Secured Claim, for voting purposes only, will be each Holder's Pro Rata Share of \$360,000,000.⁴

Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims (Class 3). The amount of each Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim, for voting purposes only, will be each Holder's applicable Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim Amount, which is set forth on the Miner Equipment Lender Claims Schedule, attached to the Plan as Exhibit K, in the column titled "Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim (as of the Petition Date)." For the avoidance of all doubt, each Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim in Class 3 will vote in an individualized subclass of Class 3 with respect to such Holder's Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim.

<u>M&M Lien Secured Claims (Class 5)</u>. The amount of each M&M Lien Secured Claim, for voting purposes only, will be each Holder's applicable Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claim Amount, which is set forth on the M&M Lien Claims Schedule, attached to the Plan as Exhibit J, in the column titled "Amount of Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claim."⁵

<u>Secured Mortgage Claims (Class 6)</u>. The amount of each Secured Mortgage Claim, for voting purposes only, will be each Holder's applicable Allowed Secured Mortgage Claim Amount, which is set forth on the Secured Mortgage Claims Schedule, attached to the Plan as Exhibit L, in the column titled "Allowed Secured Claim (as of the Petition Date)."

<u>General Unsecured Claims (Class 8)</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein and solely to the extent such Claimant is entitled to vote under these procedures, the amount of each General Unsecured Claim in Class 8, for voting purposes only, shall be established pursuant to the following hierarchy:

- (a) if a Claim has been estimated or otherwise Allowed for voting purposes by order of the Court, such Claim is temporarily Allowed in the amount so estimated or Allowed by this Court:
- (b) if (a) does not apply, and a Claim constitutes a Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim, each Holder's applicable Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim Amount, which is set forth on the Miner Equipment Lender Claims Schedule, attached to the Plan as Exhibit K, in the column titled "Allowed Deficiency Claim (as of the Petition Date)," which amount shall not be impacted by such Class 8 Holder's treatment election under the Plan;
- (c) if neither (a) nor (b) applies, but the Claim has been estimated or otherwise Allowed for voting purposes pursuant to a stipulation, settlement, or other agreement in writing reached between the applicable Debtor(s) and the holder of the Claim (whether such stipulation,

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⁴ For the avoidance of all doubt, for distribution purposes the August Convertible Notes Secured Claim shall include postpetition interest at the applicable contract rate for the period following January 15, 2024.

⁵ For the avoidance of all doubt, all Holders of M&M Lien Claims that have settled such Claim with the Debtors will not be entitled to vote.

- settlement, or agreement is filed or not), such Claim is temporarily Allowed against such Debtor(s) in the amount set forth in the stipulation, settlement, or other agreement;
- (d) if neither (a), (b), nor (c) applies, then in the liquidated, non-contingent, and undisputed amount set forth on a proof of claim timely filed in accordance with the Bar Date Order as of the Voting Record Date; *provided that*, if the amount set forth on a timely-submitted proof of claim is wholly unliquidated, contingent, and/or disputed (as determined on the face of the Claim or based on reasonable review by the Debtors and/or the Voting Agent), then the Claim shall be temporarily allowed for voting purposes in the amount of \$1.00;
- (e) if neither (a), (b), (c) nor (d) applies, then in the liquidated, non-contingent, and undisputed amount set forth on the Debtors' Schedules; *provided that*, if the Claim appearing on the Debtors' Schedules is either contingent, unliquidated, and/or disputed, or in a \$0.00 amount, then the Claim shall be disallowed for voting purposes, except to the extent that such creditor's deadline to file a Claim arising from any rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to which such creditor is party has not yet occurred; *provided*, that, to the extent such creditor's deadline to file a Claim has not yet occurred, such creditor will be entitled to vote in the amount of \$1.00 on account of such Claim;
- (f) notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any creditor who has filed or purchased duplicate Claims within the same Voting Class may be provided with only one Solicitation Package and one Ballot for voting a single Claim in such Class, regardless of whether the Debtors have objected to such duplicate Claims; and
- (g) if a Proof of Claim has been amended by a later Proof of Claim that is filed on or prior to the Bar Date, the later filed amended Proof of Claim shall be entitled to vote in a manner consistent with these tabulation rules, and the earlier filed Proof of Claim shall be disallowed for voting purposes, regardless of whether the Debtors have objected to such amended claim. Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, any amendments to Proofs of Claim after the Bar Date shall not be considered for purposes of these tabulation rules.

Section 510(b) Claims (Class 11). Except as otherwise provided herein, each Section 510(b) Claim will be accorded one (1) vote and valued at \$1.00 for voting purposes only, and not for purposes of allowance or distribution, unless (i) such Claim amount for voting purposes is disputed in the manner set forth below for filing a Rule 3018(a) motion, in which case the Claim amount shall be an amount that the Court deems appropriate for the purpose of voting to accept or reject the Plan or (ii) such Claim is Disallowed prior to the Voting Deadline, in which case the Votes will not be counted.

For the avoidance of doubt, with respect to any Proofs of Claim filed on behalf of an entire purposed class of claimants (including a class of claimants comprised of any current or former beneficial owners of equity securities of Core Scientific, Inc. purchased during the period from January 3, 2022 through December 20, 2022, inclusive (the "Other Beneficial Owners")), including Proofs of Claim Nos. 556 and 632 (collectively, the "Purported Class POCs"):

(a) only the individual filing the Purported Class POC (the "POC Filing Party") shall be entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan;

- (b) the POC Filing Party shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the amount of \$1.00 on behalf of the individual claim asserted by the POC Filing Party in its individual capacity in the applicable Purported Class POC; and
- (c) any Other Beneficial Owner that did not file a Proof of Claim shall not be entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Existing Common Interests (Class 12). The amount of each Existing Common Interest for voting purposes only will be established by reference to (a) the applicable books and records of the Debtors' transfer agent, which shall be provided by the transfer agent to the Voting Agent no later than two (2) Business Days following the Voting Record Date and (b) the books and records of the applicable Equity Nominee (defined below) as of the Voting Record Date as evidenced by the securities position report from The Depository Trust Company (the "DTC").

General.

If the Debtors have filed an objection to, a request for estimation of, or an adversary proceeding relating to a Claim or Interest on or before **December 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** (**Prevailing Central Time**), such Claim or Interest shall be temporarily Disallowed for voting purposes, except as ordered by the Court before the Voting Deadline; *provided*, *however*, that, if the Debtors' objection seeks only to reclassify or reduce the Allowed amount of such Claim or Interest, then such Claim or Interest is temporarily Allowed for voting purposes in the reduced amount and/or as reclassified (as applicable), except as may be ordered by the Court before or concurrent with, entry of an order confirming the Plan; *provided*, *further*, that if the Debtors' objection seeks only to disallow a Proof of Claim purportedly filed on behalf of a class of claimants, then such Claim is temporarily Allowed for voting purposes only as to the individual that filed such Proof of Claim and not as to the class of claimants on behalf of which such Proof of Claim was filed.

If any Holder seeks to challenge the Allowed amount of its Claim or Interest for voting purposes, such creditor must file with the Court a motion for an order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a) temporarily allowing such Claim or Interest for voting purposes in a different amount (a "Rule 3018(a) Motion"). Any Rule 3018(a) Motion must be filed with the Court so as to be actually received not later than <u>December 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)</u>.

Upon the filing of any such Rule 3018(a) Motion, such Holder's Provisional Ballot shall be counted in accordance with the above-designated guidelines, unless temporarily Allowed in a different amount by an order of the Court entered prior to or concurrent with entry of an order confirming the Plan.

For purposes of the numerosity requirement of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, separate Claims held by a single Holder in a particular Class shall be aggregated as if such Holder held one Claim in the Debtor in such Class, and the votes related to such Claims shall be treated as a single vote to accept or reject the Plan.

E. Form, Content, and Manner of Notices.

1. **Voting Agent**.

The Debtors have retained Stretto, Inc. ("Stretto" or the "Voting Agent") as their claims, noticing, and solicitation agent pursuant to the *Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Stretto, Inc. As Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent* (Docket No. 28). Pursuant to the Disclosure Statement Order, Stretto is authorized to assist the Debtors in (i) distributing the Solicitation Packages, (ii) receiving, tabulating, and reporting on Ballots cast to accept or reject the Plan by Holders of Claims and Interests, (iii) responding to inquiries from Holders of Claims and Interests and other parties in interest relating to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Ballots, the Solicitation Packages, and all other related documents and matters related thereto, including the procedures and requirements for voting to accept or reject the Plan and for objecting to the Plan or Disclosure Statement, (iv) soliciting votes on the Plan, and (v) if necessary, contacting creditors and equity holders regarding the Plan, the Ballots, the Solicitation Packages and all other related documents and matters related thereto.

2. The Solicitation Package.

The following materials shall constitute the Solicitation Package:

- (a) the Disclosure Statement Order, as entered by the Court (without attachments, except as set forth below);
- (b) the Disclosure Statement with all exhibits thereto, including the Plan;
- (c) a copy of these Solicitation and Voting Procedures, annexed as <u>Exhibit 2</u> to the Disclosure Statement Order;
- (d) the Notice of (I) Conditional Approval of Disclosure Statement, (II) Approval of (A) Solicitation and Voting Procedures and (B) Notice Procedures for the Assumption or Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; (III) Combined Hearing to Consider Final Approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of the Plan; And (IV) Establishing Notice and Objection Procedures for Final Approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of the Plan annexed as Exhibit 1 to the Disclosure Statement Order (the "Combined Hearing Notice");
- (e) if the recipient is entitled to vote on the Plan (as set forth herein), a Ballot customized (where possible and appropriate) for such Holder and conforming to Official Bankruptcy Form No. B 314, in the form described below; ⁶ and
- (f) a postage-prepaid return envelope.

⁶ Official Bankruptcy Form No. B 314 can be found at http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms, the official website for the United States Bankruptcy Courts.

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Holders of Claims or Interests in a Non-Voting Class shall only receive the Combined Hearing Notice and the Notice of Non-Voting Status (as defined and described below).

3. Distribution of the Solicitation Package.

The Solicitation Package shall provide the Plan and the Disclosure Statement as well as the Disclosure Statement Order (without attachments except the Solicitation and Voting Procedures annexed as Exhibit 2 thereto) in electronic format (*i.e.*, USB flash drive format). Moreover, the Plan and Disclosure Statement will be available at no charge via the internet at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific. Only the Ballots and the Combined Hearing Notice will be provided in paper format. Any creditor or equity holder for which service by USB flash drive imposes a hardship may request an additional copy of the Disclosure Statement (and attachments) and Disclosure Statement Order with Solicitation and Voting Procedures in paper format by contacting Stretto through (i) e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., c/o Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc. 410 Exchange, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone, toll-free, at 949.404.4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 888.765.7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.) (outside of the U.S. and Canada). Upon receipt of such request, the Debtors will provide such creditor or equity holder with a paper copy of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Disclosure Statement Order at no cost to the creditor or equity holder within five (5) days of such request or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

The Debtors shall mail to Holders of Claims and Interests in Voting Classes entitled to vote on the Plan as of the Voting Record Date the Solicitation Packages by November 17, 2023, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (the "Solicitation Mailing Deadline"). The Debtors will also provide complete Solicitation Packages (excluding Ballots) to the U.S. Trustee and all parties in interest required to be notified under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and Local Rule 2002-1.

The Debtors are not required to mail Solicitation Packages to creditors or interest holders (i) who have Claims or Interests that have already been paid in full during the Chapter 11 Cases, (ii) whose prior mailings in these chapter 11 cases were returned as undeliverable and who have not provided a forwarding address by the Voting Record Date, (iii) who hold Class 4 (Other Secured Claims), Class 7 (Priority Non-Tax Claims), Class 9 (Intercompany Claims), or Class 10 (Intercompany Interests), and/or (iv) who are not otherwise entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan in accordance with the terms and provisions of these Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

In the event that the United States Postal Service returns any mailings as undeliverable, the Debtors are excused from mailing Solicitation Packages or Notices of Non-Voting Status to addresses from which the Debtors received mailings returned as undeliverable. For purposes of serving the Solicitation Packages and Notices of Non-Voting Status, the Debtors may rely on the address information for the Holders of Claims and Interests as compiled, updated, and maintained by the Voting Agent as of the Voting Record Date. The Debtors and the Voting Agent are not required to conduct any additional research for updated addresses based on undeliverable Solicitation Packages (including Ballots) and will not be required to resend Solicitation Packages or other materials, including Notices of Non-Voting Status, that are returned as undeliverable unless the Debtors are provided with accurate addresses for such parties prior to the Voting Record Date.

To avoid duplication and reduce expenses, the Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that each Holder of a Claim or Interest receives no more than one Solicitation Package (and, therefore, one Ballot) on account of such Claim or Interest and with respect to that Class as against the Debtors.

4. Forms of Ballots.

Holders of Claims and Interests in the Voting Classes that are eligible to vote (as set forth herein) shall receive ballots substantially in the forms attached to the Disclosure Statement Order as **Exhibits 3–12** (the "**Ballots**"), as applicable. All Holders of Claims and Interests in the Voting Classes will receive a Ballot that includes an election to opt out of the non-debtor release provisions in section 10.6(b) of the Plan (the "**Non-Debtor Release Provisions**"). Holders of Claims and Interests in the Voting Classes that properly and timely elect to opt out of the Non-Debtor Release Provisions will not be a Releasing Party or Released Party under the Plan.

The Debtors will distribute Ballots to each of the Holders of Claims or Interests in Voting Classes; *provided*, that the following procedures shall apply, as applicable:

Holders of Miner Equipment Lender Claims in Class 3 and Class 8.

Each Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Claim will receive two Ballots: one Ballot on account of its Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim in Class 3 and one Ballot on account of its Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim, which constitutes a General Unsecured Claim in Class 8. Furthermore, as described in the Plan and section 7 below, each Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Claim will be entitled to elect on its Ballot to receive the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment, Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1, or Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2. Notwithstanding the election option chosen by a Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim in Class 3 pursuant to the Plan, each Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim shall be entitled vote its Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim in Class 8; provided, that, as provided in the Plan, if such Holder elects Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 on its Ballot, such Holder shall waive its recovery on account of its Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim in Class 8.

Holders of Existing Common Interests in Class 12.

The Debtors are authorized to distribute the following three forms of Ballots with respect to Existing Common Interests in Class 12: (i) a form of Ballot for registered holders of Class 12 (the "Equity Registered Holder Ballot"); (ii) a form of Ballot for a beneficial holder of Class 12 (an "Equity Beneficial Holder," and the corresponding ballot, the "Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot"); and (iii) a form of Ballot for the bank, broker, or other financial institution "in

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⁷ Stretto is required to retain all paper copies of Ballots and all solicitation-related correspondence for one (1) year following the Effective Date, whereupon, Stretto is authorized to destroy and/or otherwise dispose of all paper copies of Ballots; printed solicitation materials including unused copies of the Solicitation Package; and all solicitation-related correspondence (including undeliverable mail), in each case unless otherwise directed by the Debtors or the Clerk of the Court in writing within such one (1) year period.

street name" at DTC on behalf of the Equity Beneficial Holder (the "Equity Nominee") (or agent thereof) to transmit the votes of one or more beneficial owners (the "Equity Master Ballot").

Any registered holder holding an Existing Common Interest shall vote on the Plan by completing and signing an Equity Registered Holder Ballot on its own behalf and returning such Ballot directly to the Voting Agent on or before the Voting Deadline;

The following additional procedures shall apply to Interests of Equity Beneficial Holders who hold their position at DTC in "street name" through an Equity Nominee:

- (a) the Voting Agent shall distribute, or cause to be distributed, the appropriate number of copies of Ballots to Equity Nominees identified by the Voting Agent as entities through which Equity Beneficial Holders hold Existing Common Interests as of the Voting Record Date;
- (b) any Equity Nominee that is a holder of record with respect to Existing Common Interests shall solicit votes from Equity Beneficial Holders of such claims and interests by: (i) distributing the Solicitation Packages, including the Equity Beneficial Holder Ballots, as applicable, it receives from the Voting Agent to all such Equity Beneficial Holders, no later than five (5) business days following receipt of the Solicitation Package⁸; (ii) providing such Equity Beneficial Holders with a return address and envelope to send Ballots; (iii) promptly collecting Equity Beneficial Holder Ballots from such Beneficial Holders that cast votes on the Plan; (iv) compiling and validating the votes and other relevant information of all such Equity Beneficial Holders on the Equity Master Ballot; and (v) transmitting the applicable Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline;
- (c) any Equity Beneficial Holder holding an Existing Common Interest in "street name" through an Equity Nominee must vote on the Plan through such Equity Nominee by completing and signing the Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot and returning such Ballot to the appropriate Equity Nominee as promptly as possible and in sufficient time to allow such Equity Nominee to process the Ballot and return the Equity Master Ballot to the Voting Agent prior to the Voting Deadline. Any Equity Beneficial Holder holding an Existing Common Interest in a "street name" that submits an Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot to the Debtors or Voting Agent will not have such Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot counted for purposes of accepting or rejecting the Plan;
- (d) any Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot returned to an Equity Nominee by an Equity Beneficial Holder shall not be counted for purposes of accepting or rejecting the Plan until such Equity Nominee properly completes and delivers to the Voting Agent the Equity Master Ballot that reflects the vote of such Equity Beneficial Holders by the Voting

Solicitation Packages may be sent in paper format or via electronic transmission in accordance with the customary requirements of each Equity Nominee. Each Equity Nominee will then distribute the Solicitation Packages, as appropriate, in accordance with its customary practices and obtain votes to accept or to reject the Plan also in accordance with its customary practices. If it is the Equity Nominee's customary and accepted practice to submit a "voting instruction form" to the Equity Beneficial Holders for the purpose of recording the Equity Beneficial Holder's vote, the Equity Nominee will be authorized to send the voting instruction form in lieu of, or in addition to, an Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot.

Deadline or otherwise validates the Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot in a manner acceptable to the Voting Agent. Equity Nominees shall retain all Equity Beneficial Holder Ballots returned by Equity Beneficial Holders for a period of one (1) year after the Effective Date of the Plan;

- (e) if an Equity Beneficial Holder holds an Existing Common Interest through more than one Equity Nominee or through multiple accounts, such Equity Beneficial Holder may receive more than one Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot and each such Equity Beneficial Holder should execute a separate Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot for each block of Existing Common Interests that it holds through any Equity Nominee and must return each such Equity Beneficial Holder Ballot to the appropriate Equity Nominee;
- (f) if an Equity Beneficial Holder holds a portion of its Existing Common Interests through an Equity Nominee or Equity Nominees and another portion in its own name as the record holder, such Equity Beneficial Holder should follow the procedures described herein to vote the portion held in its own name and the procedures described in the rest of this section to vote the portion held by the Equity Nominee(s); and
- (g) Equity Beneficial Holders holding Existing Common Interests through an Equity Nominee must return their paper ballot to its Equity Nominee, unless, at the option of the Equity Nominee, the Equity Nominee instructs their Equity Beneficial Holders that they may relay votes or voting instructions electronically or otherwise to the Equity Nominee or the entity preparing the Equity Master Ballot on such Equity Nominee's behalf, and Equity Nominees may use their customary procedures for obtaining such votes electronically or otherwise.

5. Notice of Non-Voting Status and Release Opt Out Formns.

Holders of Claims and Interests in the Non-Voting Classes in lieu of a Solicitation Package, will receive (i) the Combined Hearing Notice (ii) a Notice of Non-Voting Status substantially in the form attached to the Disclosure Statement Order as **Exhibit 13** (the "**Notice of Non-Voting Status**"), and (iii) a Release Opt Out Form (as defined below); *provided* that, the Debtors are not required to serve Holders of Claims and Interests in Class 9 (Intercompany Claims) and Class 10 (Intercompany Interests) copies of the Combined Hearing Notice, Notice of Non-Voting Status, or any other type of notice in connection with solicitation of the Plan because such Claims and Interests are held by the Debtors or the Debtors' affiliates.

The Notice of Non-Voting Status provides (i) notice of the Court's conditional approval of the Disclosure Statement, (ii) notice of the filing of the Plan and Disclosure Statement, (iii) notice of the Holders' non-voting status, and (iv) information about how to obtain copies of the Disclosure Statement and Plan. In addition, the Notice of Non-Voting Status contains the full text of the release, exculpation, and injunction provisions set forth in Article X of the Plan and advises such Holders in Non-Voting Classes that they will be bound by the Non-Debtor Release Provisions unless they timely and properly opt out.

The Debtors shall cause to be mailed a release opt out form, substantially in the form attached to the Disclosure Statement Order as **Exhibit 14** (the "**Release Opt Out Form**"),

to Holders of Claims in Class 4 (Other Secured Claims) and Class 7 (Priority Non-Tax Claims). For Holders of Claims and Interests in the Voting Classes, the opt out option shall be on such Holder's Ballot.

In addition, Other Beneficial Owners shall receive a Release Opt Out Form and Combined Hearing Notice. The Debtors shall cause to be mailed (i) the Release Opt Out Form and (ii) the Combined Hearing Notice, to the banks, brokers, and financial institutions (or their agents) that might have purchased equity securities in "street name" (collectively, including their agents, the "Nominees") on behalf of the Other Beneficial Owners. With their mailing, the Debtors shall include instructions to the Nominees concerning the requirements in subparagraphs (a)–(d) below.

- (a) such Nominees shall either: (i) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Release Opt Out Form and Confirmation Hearing Notice, request from the Debtors sufficient copies of the Release Opt Out Form and Confirmation Hearing Notice to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those notices and claim forms forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (ii) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Release Opt Out Form and Confirmation Hearing Notice, provide a list of the names and addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Debtors and the Debtors shall send the Release Opt Out Form and Confirmation Hearing Notice promptly to such identified beneficial owners.
- (b) Nominees that elect to send the Release Opt Out Form and Confirmation Hearing Notice to their beneficial owners shall also send a statement to the Debtors and Stretto confirming that the mailing was made and shall retain their mailing records for use in connection with any further notices that may be provided in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- (c) if it is the Nominee's customary and accepted practice to forward such materials to beneficial owners by e-mail, e-delivery, or any other method of electronic or printed communication, the Nominees are authorized to follow those customary practices, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the materials, in lieu of sending actual printed copies of the Release Opt Out Form and Confirmation Hearing Notice.
- (d) within seven (7) calendar days of forwarding such notice, the Nominees may request reimbursement for reasonable and documented noticing costs and research fees, if any, by making such request in writing to the Debtors at the address to be provided by Stretto to the Nominees.

A Holder or Other Beneficial Owner that properly and timely elects on the Release Opt Out Form to opt out of the Non-Debtor Release Provision will not be a Releasing Party or Released Party under the Plan. An encrypted opt-out data and audit trail will be created through the electronic submission process and become part of the record of any opt-out election submitted in this manner. Additionally, any Holder's or Other Beneficial Owner's electronic signature will be deemed to be legally valid and effective immediately. For the avoidance of doubt, Voting Agent's online portal at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific (the "Online Portal") is the sole method for Holders of Claims and Interests in Non-Voting Classes and Other Beneficial Owners to transmit opt-out elections electronically. All Release Opt Out Forms must be properly

completed and returned by <u>December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)</u> (the "Opt Out Deadline") either by (i) delivering the Release Opt Out Form to the Voting Agent by first-class mail, hand delivery, or overnight courier or (ii) submitting the Release Opt Out Form by electronic, online transmission through the Online Portal, each in accordance with the instructions included on the Release Opt Out Form.

6. **Voting Deadline.**

The Court has established <u>December 13, 2023</u> as the deadline to submit votes to accept or reject the Plan (the "Voting Deadline"). The Debtors may extend the Voting Deadline, in their discretion, without further order of the Court. To be counted as a vote to accept or reject the Plan, each Ballot must be properly executed, completed, and delivered to the Voting Agent: (i) by first-class mail in the return envelope provided with each Ballot; (ii) by overnight mail; (iii) by hand delivery, (iv) via E-Ballot through the Online Portal, or, (v) only with respect to Equity Master Ballots, via electronic mail to CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com so that (in each instance) it is <u>actually received</u> by the Voting Agent no later than the Voting Deadline.

Holders of Claims and Interests mailing their Ballots to the Voting Agent shall mail them to the following address:

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

In all instances, Holders shall consult their Ballot for specific instructions regarding submission of their votes and any elections.

7. Tabulation Procedures.

General Rules.

The following voting procedures and standard assumptions shall be used in tabulating Ballots, subject to the Debtors' right to waive any of the below specified requirements for completion and submission of Ballots so long as such requirement is not otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or Bankruptcy Local Rules:

(a) whenever a Holder of Claims or Interests casts more than one Ballot voting the same Claims and Interests before the Voting Deadline, the latest dated valid Ballot received on or before the Voting Deadline shall be deemed to reflect such creditor's or equity security holder's intent and thus, supersede any previously received, Ballot. Following the Voting Deadline, no Ballot may be changed or revoked, absent further order of the Court or as directed by the Debtors.

- (b) whenever a Holder of Claims or Interests casts a Ballot that is properly completed, executed, and timely returned to the Voting Agent but does not indicate either an acceptance or rejection of the Plan, the Ballot will not be counted.
- (c) whenever a Holder of Claims or Interests casts a Ballot that is properly completed, executed, and timely returned to the Voting Agent but indicates both an acceptance and a rejection of the Plan, the Ballot will not be counted.
- (d) a Holder shall be deemed to have voted the full amount of its Claim or Interest in each Class and shall not be entitled to split its vote within a particular Class or between more than one Debtor. Any such Holder's Ballot that partially accepts and partially rejects the Plan, between the same or multiple Debtors, will not be counted.
- (e) a Person signing a Ballot in its capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity of a Holder of Claims or Interests should indicate such capacity when signing, and if so requested by the Debtors or the Voting Agent, must submit proper evidence satisfactory to the Debtors of its authority to so act.
- (f) a Holder of Claims or Interests against more than one Debtor that casts a single Ballot shall have its votes counted separately with respect to each such Debtor.
- (g) a Holder of Claims or Interests in more than one Class must use separate Ballots for each Class of Claims or Interests.
- (h) the Debtors, unless subject to contrary order of the Court, may waive any defects or irregularities as to any particular irregular Ballot at any time, either before or after the Voting Deadline.
- (i) Holders in Class 3 shall receive two Ballots: (i) a Class 3 Ballot to vote the Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and (ii) a Class 8 Ballot to vote the Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claims. Holders of Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claims must vote each ballot consistently, either to accept or reject the Plan. Holders that vote inconsistently may have their vote(s) discarded.
- (j) the following Ballots shall not be counted:
 - i. any Ballot received after the Voting Deadline, unless the Debtors shall have granted an extension of the Voting Deadline in writing with respect to such Ballot or waived the late submission;
 - ii. any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the voting party;
 - iii. any Ballot cast by a person or entity that does not hold a Claim or Interest in a Class that is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan;

- iv. any Ballot cast by a Person or Entity that is not entitled to vote, even if such individual or Entity holds a Claim or Interest in a Voting Class;
- v. any unsigned Ballot, provided that E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature;
- vi. any Ballot containing a vote that the Court determines, after notice and a hearing, was not solicited or procured in good faith or in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code; or
- vii. any Ballot transmitted to the Voting Agent by e-mail (other than an Equity Master Ballot) or facsimile or other means not specifically approved herein.

Rules for Existing Common Interests.

The following rules will apply with respect to the tabulation of Equity Master Ballots cast by Equity Nominees for Equity Beneficial Holders of Existing Common Interests:

- (a) votes cast by Equity Beneficial Holders through Equity Nominees will be applied to the applicable positions of Existing Common Interests held by such Equity Nominees as of the Voting Record Date, as evidenced by the applicable records. Votes submitted by an Equity Nominee will not be counted in excess of the amount of such Existing Common Interests held by such Equity Nominee as of the Voting Record Date;
- (b) if conflicting votes or "over votes" are submitted by an Equity Nominee, the Debtors will use reasonable efforts to reconcile discrepancies with the Equity Nominees;
- (c) if over votes on an Equity Master Ballot are not reconciled prior to the preparation of the vote certification, the Debtors shall apply the votes to accept and to reject the Plan in the same proportion as the votes to accept and to reject the Plan submitted on the Equity Master Ballot that contained the over-vote; and
- (d) a single Equity Nominee may complete and deliver to the Voting Agent multiple Equity Master Ballots. Votes reflected on multiple Equity Master Ballots will be counted, except to the extent that they are duplicative of other Equity Master Ballots. If two or more Equity Master Ballots are inconsistent, the last dated, valid Equity Master Ballot received prior to the Voting Deadline will, to the extent of such inconsistency, supersede and revoke any prior dated Equity Master Ballot.

Rules for Election of Holders of Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims in Class 3.

Holders of Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims in Class 3 are entitled to make certain elections on their Ballots as to the form of consideration they receive pursuant to the Plan. The following procedures will govern the tabulation of their elections:

As set forth in the Plan, each Holder of Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims shall be entitled to elect on its Ballot to receive, in lieu of the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment, the Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1. Furthermore, Settling

Miner Equipment Lenders shall be entitled to elect on its Ballot to receive, in lieu of the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment, the Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2. If a Holder of an Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim does not make any elections on its Ballot, such Holder shall receive the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment. If a Holder of an Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim elects Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 and is not, or does not become, a Settling Miner Equipment Lender, then such Holder shall receive the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment.

Miscellaneous Rules.

Each Holder of Claims or Interests that votes to accept or reject the Plan is deemed to have voted the full amount of its Claim or Interest therefor.

The Voting Agent may, but is not required to, contact parties who submit incomplete or otherwise deficient Ballots to make a reasonable effort to cure such deficiencies, provided that, neither the Debtors nor Voting Agent is required to contact such parties to provide notification of defects or irregularities with respect to completion or delivery of Ballots, nor will any of them incur any liability for failure to provide such notification. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with deliveries of Ballots must be cured within such time as the Debtors (or the Court) determines. Neither the Debtors nor any other person will be under any duty to provide notification of defects or irregularities with respect to deliveries of Ballots nor will any of them incur any liabilities for failure to provide such notification. Delivery of such Ballots will not be deemed to have been made until such irregularities have been cured or waived. Ballots previously furnished (and as to which any irregularities have not theretofore been cured or waived prior to the Voting Deadline) will be invalidated.

The Debtors and/or their Voting Agent, as applicable, are authorized to determine all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt), acceptance, and revocation or withdrawal of Ballots, which determination will be final and binding on all parties.

The Debtors are authorized to reject any and all Ballots submitted by any Holders of Claims or Interests not in proper form, the acceptance of which would, in the opinion of the Debtors or their counsel, as applicable, be unlawful.

The Debtors are further authorized to waive any defects or irregularities or conditions of delivery as to any particular Ballot by any Holders of Claims or Interests. The interpretation (including the Ballot and the respective instructions thereto) by the Debtors in accordance with the foregoing sentence will be final and binding on all parties.

The Debtors or their Voting Agent shall file the Voting Report on or before **December 18, 2023**.

8. Combined Hearing Notice.

Within three (3) days after entry of the Disclosure Statement Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors will serve the Notice Parties and Holders of Claims and Interests in the Non-Voting Classes via e-mail or first-class mail, a copy of the Combined Hearing Notice, which sets forth (i) the Voting Deadline, (ii) the Objection Deadline and

procedures for filing objections and responses to confirmation of the Plan, (iii) the time, date, and place for the Combined Hearing, and (iv) information about the Plan's release and injunction provisions in compliance with Bankruptcy Rule 2002(c)(3). The Debtors will separately serve Holders of Claims and Interests in Voting Classes with the Combined Hearing Notice as part of their Solicitation Packages.

The Debtors may, in their discretion, give supplemental publication notice of the Combined Hearing, no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Combined Hearing, in one or more local or foreign newspapers, trade journals, or similar publications as the Debtors deem appropriate.

The Debtors reserve the right, and are authorized to, in consultation with the Requisite Consenting Creditors, make non-substantive or immaterial changes to the Disclosure Statement, Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), Ballots, Combined Hearing Notice, and related documents without further order of the Court, including, without limitation, changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any, and to make conforming changes among the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and any other materials in the Solicitation Packages before their distribution; *provided* that all such modifications shall be made in accordance with the terms of the document being modified and the Plan.

Exhibit 3

Form of Ballot for April Convertible Notes Secured Claims (Class 1)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
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CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE SECOND AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 1 (APRIL CONVERTIBLE NOTES SECURED CLAIMS)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the *Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee* (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"), a Holder of an April Convertible Notes Secured Claim.

The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific.

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent (i) by e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your Class 1 April Convertible Notes Secured Claim under the Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR APRIL CONVERTIBLE NOTES SECURED CLAIMS IN CLASS 1

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed April Convertible Notes Secured Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Claim, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Claim, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, such Holder's Pro Rata Share of [(i) the New Secured Notes, (ii) [●] percent ([●]%) of the New Secured Convertible Notes, (iii) [•] percent ([•]%) of the Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution, subject to dilution by the New Secured Convertible Notes, the New Warrants and the Management Incentive Plan, (iv)) $[\bullet]$ percent ($[\bullet]$ %) of the Contingent Payment Obligations, and (v) $[\bullet]$ percent ($[\bullet]$ %) of the ERO Shortfall Equity Distribution (if any); and (vi) [●] percent ([●]%) of the Incremental Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution (if any); provided that any Holder of an Allowed April Convertible Notes Secured Claims that is an Initial Exit Lender shall be deemed to have exchanged its distribution of New Common Interests pursuant to the Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution in the preceding clause (iii) and Contingent Payment Obligations, in the amount of its respective share of the Designated Amount, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, for firstlien delayed draw term loans under the Exit Credit Agreement; provided, further, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the distribution of the Incremental Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution (if any) shall not occur until entry of a Final Order approving the Professional Fee Claims of the Equity Committee.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan, and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

Your receipt of this Ballot does not indicate that your Claim(s) has been or will be Allowed. This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 1 April Convertible Notes Secured Claims. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 INJUNCTION.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated

Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own

right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated

after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 <u>EXCULPATION</u>.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 <u>CANCELLATION OF LIENS</u>.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

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	Principal Amount of Claims . The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of thord Date, the undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of nivertible Notes Secured Claim in the aggregate amount of unpaid principal set fort
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•	Votes on the Plan. Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to below. Any Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to eject the Plan, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
not check t in Item 3 provisions	Prior to voting on the Plan, please note the following: vote to accept the Plan, (ii) do not vote either to accept or reject the Plan and do the box in Item 3 below, or (iii) vote to reject the Plan and do not check the box below, in each case you shall be deemed to have consented to the release set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. osure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of
the release	e, injunction, and exculpation provisions.
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manner and	Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same d in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.
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Item 3. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item 3, and if you complete this Item 3, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the box below, you will be deemed to consent to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan

to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Notes Secured Claims elects to:	e law. The Holder of the Class 1 April Convertible
OPT OUT of the releases contain	ned only in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.
of such Holder) acknowledges review and rother applicable solicitation materials, and to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Hof the April Convertible Notes Secured Clai and (iii) all authority conferred, or agreed obligation of the undersigned hereunder, sheirs, executors, administrators, trustees	ning this Ballot, the Holder (or authorized signatory eccipt of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the tertifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote older (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) ms described in Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, to be conferred, pursuant to this Ballot, and every all be binding on the transferees, successors, assigns, in bankruptcy, and legal representatives of the , and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the
	Name of Holder
	Signature
	If by Authorized Agent, Name and Title
	Name of Institution
	Street Address
	City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number
	Date Completed
	E-Mail Address

VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT

- 1. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 2. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot to the Voting Agent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 3. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 4. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or an assertion or admission of Claims.
- 5. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 6. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 7. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 9. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY

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⁴ E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

- 10. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR 11. BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR **SENDING** AN **ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE** BYCORESCIENTIFICINOUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 12. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY <u>ONE</u> OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: (i) Online submission of an E-Ballot through the Online Portal, (ii) paper copy submission, in the return envelope provided, (iii) paper copy submission by hand delivery or overnight mail, or (iv) paper copy submission by first class mail.

IF YOU WISH TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR BALLOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VOTING AGENT VIA E-MAIL AT CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATE.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE PROPERLY EXECUTED, COMPLETED, AND DELIVERED ACCORDING TO THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT THE BALLOTS ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT NO LATER THAN THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Online Portal Voting Instructions

To properly submit your Ballot electronically, you must electronically complete, sign, and return this customized electronic Ballot by utilizing the Online Portal platform on the Stretto website by visiting https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, clicking on the "Submit E-Ballot" link and following the instructions set forth on the website. Your Ballot must be received by Stretto no later than December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), the Voting Deadline, unless such time is extended by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors. HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL PLATFORM. The Stretto "Online Portal" platform is the sole manner in which ballots will be accepted via electronic

or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot ID#:	

Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an E-Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable. Ballots submitted by E-Ballot will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

Holders who cast a Ballot using Stretto's "Online Portal" platform should <u>NOT</u> also submit a paper Ballot.

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS December 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

Paper Copy Ballot Submission

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

If you are unable to use the Online Portal platform or need assistance in completing and submitting your Ballot, please contact Stretto (i) via e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com; (ii) via mail by writing Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602; or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

Exhibit 4

Form of Ballot for August Convertible Notes Secured Claims (Class 2)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
	§	
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 2 (AUGUST CONVERTIBLE NOTES SECURED CLAIMS)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"), a Holder of an August Convertible Notes Secured Claim.

The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific.

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent (i) by e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your Class 2 August Convertible Notes Secured Claim under the Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR AUGUST CONVERTIBLE NOTES SECURED CLAIMS IN CLASS 2

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed August Convertible Notes Secured Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Claim, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Claim, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, such Holder's Pro Rata Share of (i) [●] percent ([●]%) of the New Secured Convertible Notes, (ii) [●] percent ([●]%) of the Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution, subject to dilution by the New Secured Convertible Notes, the New Warrants and the Management Incentive Plan, (iii)) [●] percent ([•]%) of the Contingent Payment Obligations, (iv) [•] percent ([•]%) of the ERO Shortfall Equity Distribution (if any); and (v) [•] percent ([•]%) of the Incremental Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution (if any); provided that any Holder of an Allowed August Convertible Notes Secured Claims that is an Initial Exit Lender shall be deemed to have exchanged its distribution of New Common Interests pursuant to the Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution in the preceding clause (ii) and Contingent Payment Obligations, in the amount of its respective share of the Designated Amount, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, for firstlien delayed draw term loans under the Exit Credit Agreement; provided, further, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the distribution of the Incremental Convertible Noteholders Equity Distribution (if any) shall not occur until entry of a Final Order approving the Professional Fee Claims of the Equity Committee.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan, and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

Your receipt of this Ballot does not indicate that your Claim(s) has been or will be Allowed. This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 2 August Convertible Notes Secured Claims. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 INJUNCTION.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated

Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own

right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated

after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 <u>EXCULPATION</u>.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 <u>CANCELLATION OF LIENS</u>.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

VALID O	R COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.
_	Principal Amount of Claims . The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the ord Date, the undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of Convertible Notes Secured Claim in the aggregate amount of unpaid principal set forth
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•	Votes on the Plan. Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to below. Any Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to eject the Plan, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan
not check to in Item 3 provisions	Prior to voting on the Plan, please note the following: vote to accept the Plan, (ii) do not vote either to accept or reject the Plan and do the box in Item 3 below, or (iii) vote to reject the Plan and do not check the box below, in each case you shall be deemed to have consented to the release set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. osure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of
the release	e, injunction, and exculpation provisions.
The undersig box):	gned Holder of a Class 2 August Convertible Notes Secured Claim votes to (check on
	Accept the Plan Reject the Plan.
manner and	Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same d in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item

rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the box below, you will be deemed to consent to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan

3, and if you complete this Item 3, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a

to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Notes Secured Claims elects to:	law. The Holder of the Class 2 August Convertible
OPT OUT of the releases contain	ned only in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.
of such Holder) acknowledges review and rother applicable solicitation materials, and control to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Holder of the August Convertible Notes Secured Claud (iii) all authority conferred, or agreed obligation of the undersigned hereunder, shaheirs, executors, administrators, trustees	ning this Ballot, the Holder (or authorized signatory eccipt of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the tertifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote older (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) tims described in Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, to be conferred, pursuant to this Ballot, and every all be binding on the transferees, successors, assigns, in bankruptcy, and legal representatives of the , and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the
	Name of Holder
	Signature
	If by Authorized Agent, Name and Title
	Name of Institution
	Street Address
	City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number
	Date Completed
	E-Mail Address

VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT

- 1. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 2. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot to the Voting Agent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 3. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 4. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or an assertion or admission of Claims.
- 5. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 6. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 7. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 9. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY

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⁴ E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

- 10. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR 11. BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR **SENDING** AN **ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE** BYCORESCIENTIFICINOUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 12. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY <u>ONE</u> OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: (i) Online submission of an E-Ballot through the Online Portal, (ii) paper copy submission, in the return envelope provided, (iii) paper copy submission by hand delivery or overnight mail, or (iv) paper copy submission by first class mail.

IF YOU WISH TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR BALLOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VOTING AGENT VIA E-MAIL AT CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATE.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE PROPERLY EXECUTED, COMPLETED, AND DELIVERED ACCORDING TO THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT THE BALLOTS ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT NO LATER THAN THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Online Portal Voting Instructions

To properly submit your Ballot electronically, you must electronically complete, sign, and return this customized electronic Ballot by utilizing the Online Portal platform on the Stretto website by visiting https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, clicking on the "Submit E-Ballot" link and following the instructions set forth on the website. Your Ballot must be received by Stretto no later than December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), the Voting Deadline, unless such time is extended by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors. HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL PLATFORM. The Stretto "Online Portal" platform is the sole manner in which ballots will be accepted via electronic

or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot ID#:	

Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an E-Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable. Ballots submitted by E-Ballot will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

Holders who cast a Ballot using Stretto's "Online Portal" platform should <u>NOT</u> also submit a paper Ballot.

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

Paper Copy Ballot Submission

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

If you are unable to use the Online Portal platform or need assistance in completing and submitting your Ballot, please contact Stretto (i) via e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com; (ii) via mail by writing Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602; or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

Exhibit 5

Form of Ballot for Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims (Class 3)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
	§	
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 3 (MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER SECURED CLAIMS)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME)] (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the *Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee* (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"), a Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim.

The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific.

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent (i) by e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your Class 3 Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim under the Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER CLAIMS IN CLASS 3

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim (i) agrees to less favorable treatment of such Claim or (ii) timely elects the Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1 or Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 (each as set forth below) on or before the Voting Deadline, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Claim, on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, such Holder's applicable Miner Equipment Lender Takeback Debt (the "Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment").

Each Holder of an Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim may elect on its Ballot to receive on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, in lieu of the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment, in each case in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Holder's Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim, New Common Interests with a value, based on Plan Value, equal to one hundred percent (100%) of such Holder's Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim Amount ("Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1").

Each Holder of an Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim that is a Settling Miner Equipment Lender may elect on its Ballot to receive on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, in lieu of the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment, in each case in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Holder's Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Claim, such Holder's applicable Miner Equipment Lender Takeback Debt (Election 2) ("Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2"); provided, that any Holder electing Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 shall waive its recovery on account of its Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim of each Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim shall be treated as a General Unsecured Claim in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in Section 4.8 of the Plan; provided, that any Holder electing Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 shall waive its recovery on account of its Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim.

Note to Holders of Class 3 Claims:

If you have received this Ballot, then you are also a Holder of a Class 8 General Unsecured Claim that has received a Class 8 Ballot, and the elections made under this Class 3 Ballot may affect the recoveries you receive on account of your Class 8 General Unsecured Claim.

• If you do not make an election in Item 4 or elect Default Miner Equipment

Lender Treatment on this Class 3 Ballot, you shall receive the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment on account of your Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim,

and your Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim will be treated as a Class 8 General Unsecured Claim.

- If you elect Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1 on this Class 3 Ballot, you shall receive the Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1 on account of your Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim, and your Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim will be treated as a Class 8 General Unsecured Claim.
- If you elect Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 on this Class 3 Ballot, you shall receive the Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 on account of your Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim, and you shall waive any and all recovery on account of your Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim; provided, that if you elect Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 on this Class 3 Ballot and are not, or do not become, a Settling Miner Equipment Lender, then your election shall not be considered and you shall receive the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan, and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

Your receipt of this Ballot does not indicate that your Claim(s) has been or will be Allowed. This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, a Class 3 Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but

do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 INJUNCTION.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination,

solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) <u>RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.</u>

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising,

in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 <u>EXCULPATION</u>.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the

Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 CANCELLATION OF LIENS.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and

- to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of

granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

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Voting Record Date, that a Miner Equipment Lobelow. Holders can con	al Amount of Claims. The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the ne undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of ender Secured Claim in the aggregate unpaid principal amount set forth after the amount of their Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim g the Miner Equipment Lender Claims Schedule, attached to the Plan as
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your Claim below. Ar	n the Plan. Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to ny Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to an, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
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PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU ARE INELIGIBLE TO BE DEEMED A SETTLING MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER REGARDLESS OF THE ELECTION MADE IN ITEM 3 ABOVE.

Item 4. Treatment Options . The undersigned Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim may elect <i>one</i> of the following three options:
The undersigned Holder of a Class 3 Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim elects:
☐ Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment. I elect to receive the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment; or
Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1. I elect to receive the Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 1 in lieu of the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment; or
Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2. I elect to receive the Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 in lieu of the Default Miner Equipment Lender Treatment.
PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU FAIL TO MAKE ANY ELECTION ABOVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE DEFAULT MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER TREATMENT. FURTHERMORE, ONLY SETTLING MINER EQUIPMENT LENDERS MAY ELECT MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER TREATMENT ELECTION 2. IF YOU ARE NOT, OR DO NOT BECOME, A SETTLING MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER AND YOU ELECT MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER TREATMENT ELECTION 2, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE DEFAULT MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER TREATMENT.
Item 5. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item 5, and if you complete this Item 5, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the box below, you will be deemed to consent to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. The Holder of the Class 3 Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim set forth in Item 1 elects to:
OPT OUT of the releases contained only in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.

For Holders of Miner Eq	uipment Lender Deficiency Claims
Holder acknowledges that it has also rece	ass 3 Elections. By checking the box below, the fived a Class 8 Ballot and further acknowledges that makes on this Class 3 Ballot may affect the recovery class 8 Claim.
	on made on my Class 3 Ballot, or if I make no y affect my recovery on account of my Class 8
of such Holder) acknowledges review and other applicable solicitation materials, and to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Fof the Miner Equipment Lender Secured Cland (iii) all authority conferred, or agreed obligation of the undersigned hereunder, sheers, executors, administrators, trustees	gning this Ballot, the Holder (or authorized signatory receipt of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the certifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote Iolder (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) aim described in Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, to be conferred, pursuant to this Ballot, and every hall be binding on the transferees, successors, assigns, in bankruptcy, and legal representatives of the y, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the
	Name of Holder
	Signature
	If by Authorized Agent, Name and Title
	Name of Institution
	Street Address
	City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number
	Date Completed

E-Mail Address

VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT

- 1. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 2. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot to the Voting Agent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 3. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 4. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or an assertion or admission of Claims.
- 5. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 6. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 7. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 9. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY

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⁴ E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

- 10. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR 11. BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR **SENDING** AN **ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE** BYCORESCIENTIFICINOUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 12. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY <u>ONE</u> OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: (i) Online submission of an E-Ballot through the Online Portal, (ii) paper copy submission, in the return envelope provided, (iii) paper copy submission by hand delivery or overnight mail, or (iv) paper copy submission by first class mail.

IF YOU WISH TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR BALLOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VOTING AGENT VIA E-MAIL AT CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATE.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE PROPERLY EXECUTED, COMPLETED, AND DELIVERED ACCORDING TO THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT THE BALLOTS ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT NO LATER THAN THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Online Portal Voting Instructions

To properly submit your Ballot electronically, you must electronically complete, sign, and return this customized electronic Ballot by utilizing the Online Portal platform on the Stretto website by visiting https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, clicking on the "Submit E-Ballot" link and following the instructions set forth on the website. Your Ballot must be received by Stretto no later than December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), the Voting Deadline, unless such time is extended by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors. HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL PLATFORM. The Stretto "Online Portal" platform is the sole manner in which ballots will be accepted via electronic

or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an E-Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable. Ballots submitted by E-Ballot will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

Holders who cast a Ballot using Stretto's "Online Portal" platform should <u>NOT</u> also submit a paper Ballot.

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

Paper Copy Ballot Submission

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

If you are unable to use the Online Portal platform or need assistance in completing and submitting your Ballot, please contact Stretto (i) via e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com; (ii) via mail by writing Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602; or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

Exhibit 6

Form of Ballot for M&M Lien Secured Claims (Class 5)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
	§	
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 5 (M&M LIEN SECURED CLAIMS)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REOUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the *Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee* (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"), a Holder of an M&M Lien Secured Claim.

The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific.

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent (i) by e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your Class 5 M&M Lien Secured Claim under the Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR M&M LIEN SECURED CLAIMS IN CLASS 5

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claim agrees to less favorable treatment of such Claim or settles such Claim pursuant to an M&M Lien Settlement, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Claim, on the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, such Holder's applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt; provided that to the extent any Subcontractor has filed an M&M Lien against a Debtor's real property with respect to amounts which are secured, in duplication, by an M&M Lien filed by a General Contractor and evidenced by such General Contractor's M&M Secured Lien Claim, as set forth on the M&M Lien Claims Schedule, (i) the Holder of the M&M Lien Secured Claim shall be the General Contractor, (ii) such Subcontractor shall not be entitled to a separate M&M Secured Lien Claim with respect to any such amounts secured in duplication, (iii) the Reorganized Debtors shall issue M&M Lien Takeback Debt with respect to any such amounts secured in duplication in favor of the General Contractor only as the Holder of the M&M Lien Secured Claim, (iv) the Reorganized Debtors shall repay the M&M Lien Takeback Debt issued to each such General Contractor by making payments directly to the General Contractor and each Subcontractor, pro rata in the percentages set forth next to each such General Contractor and Subcontractor on the M&M Lien Claims Schedule in the column titled "Pro Rata Percentage of applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt to be repaid to such General Contractor or Subcontractor," and (v) each payment made directly to a Subcontractor shall reduce the amount of such General Contractor's M&M Secured Lien Claim, such General Contractor's M&M Lien, and such Subcontractor's M&M Lien, in each case on a dollar-for-dollar basis; provided, however, that upon delivery to the Debtors of a final and unconditional lien waiver and release duly executed by a Subcontractor, in recordable form and substance sufficient to permanently waive and release such Subcontractor's M&M Liens, the Reorganized Debtors shall make all further payments on account of such M&M Lien Takeback Debt attributable to such Subcontractor's pro rata percentages set forth next to such Subcontractor on the M&M Lien Claims Schedule directly to the Holder of such Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claim.

Unless and until there is an Event of Default (as defined in the New M&M Lien Debt Term Sheet) under the terms of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, each Person asserting an M&M Lien shall be precluded from foreclosing or otherwise enforcing such M&M Lien or otherwise taking adverse action against the applicable Debtor with regard to the amounts secured by such M&M Lien.

Any M&M Lien (i) of a Subcontractor, (ii) of a General Contractor, or (iii) otherwise securing an Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claim and/or M&M Lien Takeback Debt shall be (a) fixed, as of the Effective Date, in the amount set forth on the M&M Lien Claims Schedule in the column titled "Amount of Allowed M&M Lien," (b) reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis in the amount of each payment made on account of such M&M Lien pursuant to the terms of the M&M Lien Takeback Debt, and (c) fully and finally extinguished upon the repayment in full of all amounts payable under the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, which extinguishment may be evidenced by recording in the applicable real property records a final, unconditional lien waiver,

release of lien, and such other documents or certificates required to fully and unconditionally release any such M&M Lien. The Debtors and Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, are hereby authorized to record (and granted power of attorney to effectuate such recordation) such final, unconditional lien waiver, release of lien, and such other documents or certificates required to fully and unconditionally release any such M&M Lien in the applicable real property records, and each applicable clerk is directed to accept such documentation.

Any M&M Lien not on the M&M Lien Claims Schedule is hereby extinguished.

For the avoidance of doubt, all General Contractor Unsecured Claims shall be General Unsecured Claims Allowed in the amounts set forth on the M&M Lien Claims Schedule in the column titled "Allowed Unsecured Claim Amount" and treated in accordance with section 4.8 of the Plan.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan, and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

Your receipt of this Ballot does not indicate that your Claim(s) has been or will be Allowed. This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 5 M&M Lien Secured Claims. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but

do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 <u>INJUNCTION</u>.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination,

solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising,

in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 <u>EXCULPATION</u>.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the

Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 CANCELLATION OF LIENS.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and

- to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of

granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

Item 1.	Principal Amount of Claims. The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the
Voting Record	Date, the undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of
an M&M Lien	Secured Claim in the aggregate amount principal amount set forth below.

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Item 2. Votes on the Plan. Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to your Claims below. Any Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to accept and reject the Plan, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

Prior to voting on the Plan, please note the following:

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) do not vote either to accept or reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, or (iii) vote to reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, in each case you shall be deemed to have consented to the release provisions set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.

The Disclosure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of the release, injunction, and exculpation provisions.

The undersigned holder of a Class 5 M&M Lien Secured Claim votes to (check one box):

Accept the Plan	Reject the Plan
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Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item 3, and if you complete this Item 3, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the box below, you will be deemed to consent to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan

to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. The Holder of the Class 5 M&M Lien Secured

Claim set forth in Item 1 elects to:

OPT OUT of the releases contained only in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.		
Item 4. Acknowledgements. By signing this Ballot, the Holder (or authorized signatory of such Holder) acknowledges review and receipt of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the other applicable solicitation materials, and certifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Holder (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) of the M&M Lien Secured Claim described in Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, and (iii) all authority conferred, or agreed to be conferred, pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the undersigned hereunder, shall be binding on the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy, and legal representatives of the undersigned, and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned.		
		Name of Holder
		Signature
		If by Authorized Agent, Name and Title
		Name of Institution
		Street Address
		City, State, Zip Code
		Telephone Number
		Date Completed
		E-Mail Address
VOT	ING INFORMATION AND INSTE	RUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT
1.	may not, at the Debtors' discretion	eadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) n, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all red on or before the Voting Deadline.
2.		all the information requested, signing, dating, and gent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient

information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is

⁴ E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

- otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 3. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 4. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or an assertion or admission of Claims.
- 5. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 6. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 7. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 9. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 10. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- 11. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR BY SENDING AN ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE TO CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN

THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

12. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: (i) Online submission of an E-Ballot, (ii) paper copy submission, in the return envelope provided, (iii) paper copy submission by hand delivery or overnight mail, or (iv) paper copy submission by first class mail.

IF YOU WISH TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR BALLOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VOTING AGENT VIA E-MAIL AT CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATE.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE PROPERLY EXECUTED, COMPLETED, AND DELIVERED ACCORDING TO THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT THE BALLOTS ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT NO LATER THAN THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Online Portal Voting Instructions

To properly submit your Ballot electronically, you must electronically complete, sign, and return this customized electronic Ballot by utilizing the Online Portal platform on the Stretto website by visiting https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, clicking on the "Submit E-Ballot" link and following the instructions set forth on the website. Your Ballot must be received by Stretto no later than December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), the Voting Deadline, unless such time is extended by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors. HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL PLATFORM. The Stretto "Online Portal" platform is the sole manner in which ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an E-Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable. Ballots submitted by E-Ballot will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

Holders who cast a Ballot using Stretto's "Online Portal" platform should <u>NOT</u> also submit a paper Ballot.

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

Paper Copy Ballot Submission

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

If you are unable to use the Online Portal platform or need assistance in completing and submitting your Ballot, please contact Stretto (i) via e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com; (ii) via mail by writing Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602; or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

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Exhibit 8

Form of Ballot for General Unsecured Claims (Class 8)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
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CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 8 (GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "VOTING

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

<u>DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"), a Holder of a General Unsecured Claim (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim).

The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific.

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent (i) by e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your Class 8 General Unsecured Claim under the Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS IN CLASS 8

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim agrees to less favorable treatment of such Claim, upon the later of the Effective Date (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter) and the date on which such General Unsecured Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Claim, New Common Interests with a value, based on Plan Value, equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of such Holder's Allowed General Unsecured Claim.

For purposes of the Plan, the Allowed amount of any General Unsecured Claim shall include all interest accrued from the Petition Date through the date of distribution at the Federal Judgment Rate.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim of each Holder of a Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claim shall be treated as an Allowed General Unsecured Claim under the Plan; *provided*, that any Holder electing Miner Equipment Lender Treatment Election 2 on its Class 3 Ballot shall waive its recovery on account of its Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Deficiency Claim.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

Your receipt of this Ballot does not indicate that your Claim(s) has been or will be Allowed. This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 8 General Unsecured Claims. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 <u>INJUNCTION</u>.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the

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Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and

implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 EXCULPATION.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the

New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 CANCELLATION OF LIENS.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to

terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4 (FOR HOLDERS OF MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER DEFICIENCY CLAIMS ONLY), AND 5. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

Voting Record Date	, the undersigned was	laims. The undersigned here s the Holder (or authorized signate unpaid principal amount	gnatory of such a Holder) of
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your Claims below.	Any Ballot not mar	e vote either to accept or to re- ked either to accept or reject ounted in determining accepta	the Plan, or marked both to
	Prior to voting on t	the Plan, please note the foll	owing:
not check the box in Item 3 below,	in Item 3 below, or	do not vote either to accept (iii) vote to reject the Plan shall be deemed to have of the Plan.	and do not check the box
The Disclosure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of the release, injunction, and exculpation provisions.			
The undersigned Ho	older of a Class 8 Ger	neral Unsecured Claim votes	to (check <u>one</u> box):
	Accept the Plan	Reject the Plan.	

Item 3. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item 3, and if you complete this Item 3, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the box below, you will be deemed to consent to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan

Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in

the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Claim set forth in Item 1 elects to:	law. The Holder of the Class 8 General Unsecured
OPT OUT of the releases contain	ned only in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.
*** For Holders of Miner Equip	ment Lender Deficiency Claims Only ***
Holder acknowledges that it has also receive	ss 3 Elections. By checking the box below, the ved a Class 3 Ballot and further acknowledges that nakes on this Class 3 Ballot may affect the recovery ass 8 Claims.
	on made on my Class 3 Ballot, or if I make no affect my recovery on account of my Class 8
other applicable solicitation materials, and c to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Ho of the General Unsecured Claim described in authority conferred, or agreed to be conferred undersigned hereunder, shall be binding on	eview of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the ertifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote older (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) in Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, and (iii) all d, pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, egal representatives of the undersigned, and shall not r incapacity of the undersigned.
	Name of Holder
	Signature
	If by Authorized Agent, Name and Title
	Name of Institution
	Street Address
	City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number
	Date Completed
	E-Mail Address

VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT

- 1. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 2. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot to the Voting Agent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 3. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 4. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or an assertion or admission of Claims.
- 5. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 6. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 7. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 9. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY

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⁴ E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

- 10. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR 11. BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR BY **SENDING** AN **ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE** CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 12. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: (i) Online submission of an E-Ballot, (ii) paper copy submission, in the return envelope provided, (iii) paper copy submission by hand delivery or overnight mail, or (iv) paper copy submission by first class mail.

IF YOU WISH TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR BALLOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VOTING AGENT VIA E-MAIL AT CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATE.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE PROPERLY EXECUTED, COMPLETED, AND DELIVERED ACCORDING TO THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT THE BALLOTS ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT NO LATER THAN THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Online Portal Voting Instructions

To properly submit your Ballot electronically, you must electronically complete, sign, and return this customized electronic Ballot by utilizing the Online Portal platform on the Stretto website by visiting https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, clicking on the "Submit E-Ballot" link and following the instructions set forth on the website. Your Ballot must be received by Stretto no later than December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), the Voting Deadline, unless such time is extended by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors. HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL PLATFORM. The Stretto "Online Portal" platform is the sole manner in which ballots will be accepted via electronic

or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot ID#:	

Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an E-Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable. Ballots submitted by E-Ballot will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

Holders who cast a Ballot using Stretto's "Online Portal" platform should <u>NOT</u> also submit a paper Ballot.

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

Paper Copy Ballot Submission

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

If you are unable to use the Online Portal platform or need assistance in completing and submitting your Ballot, please contact Stretto (i) via e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com; (ii) via mail by writing Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602; or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

Exhibit 9

Form of Ballot for Section 510(b) Claims (Class 11)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
	§	
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 11 (SECTION 510(B) CLAIMS)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"), a Holder of a Section 510(b) Claim.

The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific.

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent (i) by e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your Class 11 Section 510(b) Claim under the Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR SECTION 510(B) CLAIMS IN CLASS 11

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Section 510(b) Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Claim, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Claim, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, (i) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of the Residual Equity Pool, (ii) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of New Warrants, and (iii) in lieu of the right to participate in the Rights Offering, either Cash, New Common Interests, New Warrants, or some combination thereof, at the option of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, in an amount equal to the value (if New Common Interests, at Plan Value) of the Subscription Rights that would have been distributable to such Holder if Subscription Rights were distributed to Holders in Class 11.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each

Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan, and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

Your receipt of this Ballot does not indicate that your Claim(s) has been or will be Allowed. This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 11 Section 510(b) Claims. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 <u>INJUNCTION</u>.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any

Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) <u>RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.</u>

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 EXCULPATION.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice

of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 CANCELLATION OF LIENS.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

Item 1.	Principal Amount of Claims. The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the
Voting Record	d Date, the undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of
a Section 510((b) Claim in the aggregate amount set forth below.

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Item 2. Votes on the Plan. Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to your Claims below. Any Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to accept and reject the Plan, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

Prior to voting on the Plan, please note the following:

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) do not vote either to accept or reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, or (iii) vote to reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, in each case you shall be deemed to have consented to the release provisions set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.

The Disclosure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of the release, injunction, and exculpation provisions.

The undersigned Holder of a Class 11 Section 510(b) Claim votes to (check <u>one</u> box):

I	Accept the Plan		Reject the Plan
	Accept the ran	- 1 1	reject the rank

Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item 3, and if you complete this Item 3, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the box below, you will be deemed to consent to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan

to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. The Holder of the Class 11 Section 510(b) Claims

set forth in Item 1 elects to:

OPT OUT of the releases contain	ned only in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.
of such Holder) acknowledges review and rother applicable solicitation materials, and contone accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Holder of the Section 510(b) Claims described in authority conferred, or agreed to be conferred undersigned hereunder, shall be binding on	ning this Ballot, the Holder (or authorized signatory eccipt of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the vertifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote older (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, and (iii) all d, pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, egal representatives of the undersigned, and shall not or incapacity of the undersigned.
	Name of Holder
	Signature
	If by Authorized Agent, Name and Title
	Name of Institution
	Street Address
	City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number
	Date Completed
	E-Mail Address
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- 1. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 2. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot to the Voting Agent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor

⁴ E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

- "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 3. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 4. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or an assertion or admission of Claims.
- 5. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 6. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 7. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 9. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 10. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- 11. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR BY SENDING AN ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE TO CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN

- THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 12. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT

- 13. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 14. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot to the Voting Agent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 15. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 16. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or an assertion or admission of Claims.
- 17. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 18. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 19. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 20. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 21. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

- 22. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- 23. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR BY**SENDING** AN **ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE** TO CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 24. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

(i) Online submission of an E-Ballot through the Online Portal, (ii) paper copy submission, in the return envelope provided, (iii) paper copy submission by hand delivery or overnight mail, or (iv) paper copy submission by first class mail.

IF YOU WISH TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR BALLOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VOTING AGENT VIA E-MAIL AT CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATE.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE PROPERLY EXECUTED, COMPLETED, AND DELIVERED ACCORDING TO THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT THE BALLOTS ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT NO LATER THAN THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Online Portal Voting Instructions

To properly submit your Ballot electronically, you must electronically complete, sign, and return this customized electronic Ballot by utilizing the Online Portal platform on the Stretto website by visiting https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, clicking on the "Submit E-Ballot" link and following the instructions set forth on the website. Your Ballot must be received by Stretto no later than December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), the Voting Deadline, unless such time is extended by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors. HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL PLATFORM. The Stretto "Online Portal" platform is the sole manner in which ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and subm	ıit your
customized electronic Ballot:	

Unique E-Ballot ID#:	

Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an E-Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable. Ballots submitted by E-Ballot will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

Holders who cast a Ballot using Stretto's "Online Portal" platform should <u>NOT</u> also submit a paper Ballot.

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

Paper Copy Ballot Submission

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

If you are unable to use the Online Portal platform or need assistance in completing and submitting your Ballot, please contact Stretto (i) via e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com; (ii) via mail by writing Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602; or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

Exhibit 10

Form of Master Ballot for Existing Common Interests (Class 12)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
	§	
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

MASTER BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 12 (EXISTING COMMON INTERESTS)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE <u>DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE</u> CONSENTING CREDITORS.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisitions, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisition I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

This master ballot (the "Master Ballot") is being submitted to brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies, or other agents or nominees ("Nominees") of beneficial holders of certain Existing Common Interests (a "Beneficial Holder") in Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "Plan"). The Plan is attached as Exhibit A to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "Disclosure Statement").

Specifically, this Master Ballot is being submitted to Nominees of Beneficial Holders of Existing Common Interests as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"). Nominees should use this Master Ballot to tabulate votes on behalf of the Beneficial Holders to accept or reject the Plan.

The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist Beneficial Holders in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, by email at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, or by telephone at 866.592.2921 (toll-free) or +1 646.539.3626 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Upon receipt of these materials, you should immediately forward to the Beneficial Holders the Disclosure Statement and the form of ballot for such holders (the "Beneficial Holder Ballot") with a return envelope addressed to you, or as provided in the attached instructions. You may also transmit the Beneficial Holder Ballot and Disclosure Statement and collect votes from Beneficial Holders in accordance with your customary procedures to transmit materials to and solicit votes from Beneficial Holders.

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Master Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent at 866.592.2921 (toll-free) or +1 646.539.3626 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR EXISTING COMMON INTERESTS IN CLASS 12

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Existing Common Interest agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Interest, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Interest, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, (i) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of the Residual Equity Pool, (ii) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of the New Warrants, and (iii) the right to participate in the Rights Offering in accordance with the Rights Offering Procedures; *provided*, that with respect to any Existing Common Interests that are Unvested Restricted Stock, any New Common Interests distributed to Holders on account of such Unvested Restricted Stock will be subject to the same restrictions/vesting conditions applicable to such Unvested Restricted Stock as of the Effective Date.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on Holders of Existing Common Interests whether or not such Holders vote, or vote to reject the Plan. To have a Holder's vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Master Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline, which is December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time).

This Master Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 12 Existing Common Interests. You must provide all of the information requested by this Master Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but

do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 INJUNCTION.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination,

solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising,

in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 <u>EXCULPATION</u>.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the

Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 CANCELLATION OF LIENS.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and

- to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of

granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS MASTER BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. IF THIS MASTER BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, VOTES OF THE BENEFICIAL HOLDERS MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

eation of Authority to Vote. The undersigned certifies that, as of the Voting undersigned (please check the applicable box):
is a Nominee for the Beneficial Holders in the amount of Class 12 Existing Common Interests listed in Item 2 below and is the registered Holder of such Class 12 Existing Common Interest;
is acting under a power of attorney and/or agency (a copy of which must be provided upon request) granted by a Nominee that is the registered Holder of Class 12 Existing Common Interests in the amount listed in Item 2 below; or
has been granted a proxy (an original of which is annexed hereto) from a Nominee or a Beneficial Holder that is the registered Holder of the principal amount of Class 12 Existing Common Interests listed in Item 2 below, and accordingly has full power and authority to vote to accept or reject the Plan on behalf of the Beneficial Holders of the Class 12 Existing Common Interests listed in Item 2 below.

Item 2. Vote on the Plan. The undersigned transmits the following votes of Beneficial Holders in respect of their Class 12 Existing Common Interests and certifies that the following Beneficial Holders, as identified by their respective customer account numbers set forth below, are Beneficial Holders as of the Voting Record Date and have delivered to the undersigned, as Nominee, Beneficial Holder Ballots casting such votes.⁴

⁴ Indicate in the appropriate column the amount of the Class 12 Existing Common Interests voted for each account, or attach such information to this Master Ballot in the form of the following table. Please note that each Beneficial Holder must vote all of such Beneficial Holder's Existing Common Interests to accept or to reject the Plan and may not split such vote. Any ballot executed by a Beneficial Holder that does not indicate an acceptance or rejection of the Plan, or that indicates both an acceptance and a rejection of the Plan, and has not been corrected by the Voting Deadline, shall not be counted.

Your Customer	N I CF : d	Item 2. V	ote on Plan	Item 3. Opt-Out Release Election
Account Number for Each Beneficial Holder of Class 12 Existing Common Interests that Voted	Number of Existing Common Interests Held by Your Customer	ACCEPT	REJECT	Place a check below if the Beneficial Holder checked the box in Item 3
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
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10.				

Item 3. Certification. By signing this Master Ballot, the undersigned certifies that:

- (a) (i) the undersigned has received a copy of the Disclosure Statement, Master Ballot, and Beneficial Holder Ballot, and has delivered the Disclosure Statement and Beneficial Holder Ballot to Beneficial Holders holding Class 12 Existing Common Interests through the undersigned with a return envelope; (ii) the undersigned has received a completed and signed Beneficial Holder Ballot from each such Beneficial Holder as provided in this Master Ballot; (iii) the undersigned is the registered Holder of the securities being voted or agent thereof; and (iv) the undersigned has been authorized by each such Beneficial Holder to vote on the Plan and to make applicable elections;
- (b) the undersigned has properly disclosed: (i) the number of Beneficial Holders voting Class 12 Existing Common Interests through the undersigned; (ii) the respective amounts of Class 12 Existing Common Interests owned by each such Beneficial Holder; (iii) each such Beneficial Holder's respective vote concerning the Plan; and (iv) the customer account or other identification number for each such Beneficial Holder;

- (c) if the undersigned is a Beneficial Holder and uses this Master Ballot to vote the undersigned's Class 12 Existing Common Interests, the undersigned confirms and attests to each of the certifications in Item 4 of the Beneficial Holder Ballot;
- (d) each such Beneficial Holder has certified to the undersigned that such Beneficial Holder is a Beneficial Holder and is otherwise eligible to vote on the Plan; and
- (e) the undersigned will maintain Beneficial Holder Ballots and evidence of separate transactions returned by Beneficial Holders (whether properly completed or defective) for at least one year after the Voting Deadline, and disclose all such information to the Bankruptcy Court or the Debtor, as the case may be, if so ordered.

Item 4. Nominee Information and Signature.

Name of Nominee:
(Print or Type)
Participant Number:
Name of proxy holder or agent for Nominee (if applicable):
(Print or Type)
Signature:
Name of Signatory:
Title:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone Number:
Date Completed:

MASTER BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To have the votes of your Beneficial Holders count, you should already have delivered to each such Holder a copy of the Disclosure Statement, along with a Beneficial Holder Ballot (which may be a pre-validated ballot, as described in ¶ 2 below), with a return envelope addressed to you (or the Voting Agent in the case of a pre-validated ballot), so such Holder may (i) return their Beneficial Holder Ballot to you in sufficient time for you to complete and return the Master Ballot to the Voting Agent, so that the Voting Agent actually receives the Master Ballot before the Voting Deadline or (ii) in the case of a pre-validated ballot, return their Beneficial Holder Ballot to the Voting Agent before the Voting Deadline. Notwithstanding the foregoing, you may transmit the Disclosure Statement and Beneficial Holder Ballot to Beneficial Holders in accordance with your customary procedures to transmit materials to and collect votes from Beneficial Holders.
- 2. You may pre-validate the Beneficial Holder Ballots by (i) signing the Beneficial Holder Ballot and indicating on the Beneficial Holder Ballot the (a) name of the Nominee and DTC Participant Number and (b) the number of Existing Common Interests held by the Nominee for the Beneficial Holder, and (ii) forwarding such Beneficial Holder Ballot, together with the Solicitation Package, including a preaddressed, postage-paid return envelope addressed to, and provided by, the Voting Agent, to the Beneficial Holder. The Beneficial Holder will be required to complete the information requested in Item 2, Item 3, and Item 4 of the Beneficial Holder Ballot and return the pre-validated Beneficial Holder Ballot directly to the Voting Agent so that it is received before the Voting Deadline.
- 3. With regard to any Beneficial Holder Ballots returned to you, to have the vote of your Beneficial Holders count, you must: (a) retain such Beneficial Holder Ballots in your files and transfer the requested information from each such Beneficial Holder Ballot onto the Master Ballot; (b) execute the Master Ballot; and (c) deliver the Master Ballot to the Voting Agent in accordance with these instructions.
- 4. Please keep any records of Beneficial Holder Ballots, including records of the Beneficial Holders to whom pre-validated Beneficial Holder Ballots were delivered, for at least one year after the Voting Deadline (or such other date as is set by order of the Bankruptcy Court). You may be ordered to produce the Beneficial Holder Ballots to the Debtor or the Bankruptcy Court.
- 5. For the avoidance of doubt, if it is your customary practice to collect votes from your Beneficial Holder clients via voter information form, e-mail, telephone, or other means, you may employ those customary practices to collect votes from the Beneficial Holders in lieu of a Beneficial Holder Ballot.
- 6. If you are both the Nominee and Beneficial Holder, and you wish to vote such Class 12 Existing Common Interest for which you are a Beneficial Holder, you may return either a Beneficial Holder Ballot or the Master Ballot for such Claims.
- 7. In the event that (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Master Ballot shall

- automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. The Master Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 9. The Master Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or Interest or an assertion or admission of a Claim or Interest.
- 10. The following Ballots shall not be counted in determining the acceptance or rejection of the Plan: (a) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Beneficial Holder, (b) any Ballot cast by a Person that does not hold a Claim in a Class entitled to vote on the Plan, (c) any unsigned Ballot, (d) any Ballot that does not contain an original signature (except with respect to Master Ballots emailed to the Voting Agent) and (e) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to accept and reject the Plan.
- 11. If the Master Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline, it will not be counted, unless otherwise determined by the Debtors. The method of delivery of the Master Ballot to the Voting Agent is at your election and risk.
- 12. If a Beneficial Holder submits Ballots for multiple Class 12 Existing Common Interests, whether held in other accounts or other record names, and such Ballots indicate *different or inconsistent* votes to accept or reject the Plan, then all such Ballots will not be counted.
- 13. If a Beneficial Holder submits more than one Ballot voting the same Interests prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 14. To the extent that conflicting votes or "overvotes" are submitted by a Nominee, the Voting Agent, in good faith, will attempt to reconcile discrepancies with the Nominee. To the extent that any overvotes are not reconcilable prior to the preparation of the vote certification, the Voting Agent will apply the votes to accept and to reject the Plan in the same proportion as the votes to accept and reject the Plan submitted on the Master Ballots or pre-validated Beneficial Holder Ballots that contained the overvote, but only to the extent of the Nominee's position in the applicable security.
- 15. The Master Ballot should not be sent to the Debtors, the Bankruptcy Court, or the Debtors' financial or legal advisors.
- 16. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not have material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 17. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

- 18. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- 19. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING 866.592.2921 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 646.539.3626 (IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.) OR BY SENDING AN ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE TO CORESCIENTIFICVOTE@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC MASTER BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 20. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

YOUR COMPLETED MASTER BALLOT MUST BE <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT BY THE VOTING DEADLINE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR MASTER BALLOT, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO CORESCIENTIFICVOTE@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC MASTER BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE ADDRESS BELOW AND PROVIDE THE ANTICIPATED DATE AND TIME OF YOUR DELIVERY.

Stretto Address for Receipt of Master Ballots	
If by E-Mail (Master Ballots ONLY)	
CoreScientificVote@Stretto.com	
If by First Class Mail, Hand Delivery, or Overnight Mail	
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.	
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER	
C/O STRETTO, INC.	
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100	
IRVINE, CA 92602	

Exhibit 11

Form of Ballot for Beneficial Holder Existing Common Interests (Class 12)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
	§	
CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BENEFICIAL HOLDER BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 12 (EXISTING COMMON INTEREST)

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BALLOTS CAREFULLY *BEFORE* COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.

IF YOU RECEIVED A RETURN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO YOUR NOMINEE, IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, YOU MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF YOUR NOMINEE AND ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR YOUR NOMINEE TO RECEIVE YOUR VOTE AND TRANSMIT SUCH VOTE ON A MASTER BALLOT, WHICH MASTER BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE VOTING AGENT BY DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "VOTING DEADLINE"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

IF, HOWEVER, YOU RECEIVED A "PRE-VALIDATED" BALLOT FROM YOUR NOMINEE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT SUCH BALLOT DIRECTLY TO THE VOTING AGENT, IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, YOU MUST COMPLETE, EXECUTE, AND RETURN THE "PRE-VALIDATED" BALLOT, SO AS TO BE *ACTUALLY RECEIVED* BY THE VOTING AGENT BY THE VOTING DEADLINE, UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REQUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"): a beneficial Holder of the common stock issued by Core Scientific, Inc.; or a beneficial Holder of any Vested RSUs. The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have a Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy (a) for a fee via PACER at http://www.txs.uscourts.gov; or (b) from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, by email at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, or by telephone at (949).404.4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 888.765.7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR EXISTING COMMON INTERESTS CLASS 12

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Existing Common Interest agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Interest, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Interest, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, (i) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of the Residual Equity Pool, (ii) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of the New Warrants, and (iii) the right to participate in the Rights Offering in accordance with the Rights Offering Procedures; *provided*, that with respect to any Existing Common Interests that are Unvested Restricted Stock, any New Common Interests distributed to Holders on account of such Unvested Restricted Stock will be subject to the same restrictions/vesting conditions applicable to such Unvested Restricted Stock as of the Effective Date.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 12 Existing Common Interests. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but

do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 <u>INJUNCTION</u>.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination,

solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising,

in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 <u>EXCULPATION</u>.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the

Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 CANCELLATION OF LIENS.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and

- to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of

granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

Item 1. Number of Existing Common Interests. The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of Existing Common Interests in Class 12 in the aggregate amount set forth below.

Voting Class	Description	Number of Shares
Class 12	Existing Common Interests as of the Voting Record Date (November 9, 2023)	

Item 2. Votes on the Plan. Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to your Claims below. Any Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to accept and reject the Plan, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

Prior to voting on the Plan, please note the following:

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) do not vote either to accept or reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, or (iii) vote to reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, in each case you shall be deemed to have consented to the release provisions set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.

The Disclosure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of the release, injunction, and exculpation provisions.

The undersigned Holder of a Class 12 Existing Common Interest votes to (please check <u>one and only one</u> box):

Accept (vote for) the Plan		Reject	(vote	against)	the Plan
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Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item 3, and if you complete this Item 3, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a

rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting	a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the
box below, you will be deemed to consent to the r	releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan
to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.	The Holder of the Class 12 Existing Common
Interest elects to:	

OPT OUT of the releases contained only in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.

Item 4. Acknowledgements. By signing this Ballot, the Holder (or authorized signatory of such Holder) acknowledges receipt and review and receipt of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the other applicable solicitation materials, and certifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Holder (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) of the Class 12 Existing Common Interests described in Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, and (iii) all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the undersigned hereunder, shall be binding on the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy, and legal representatives of the undersigned, and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned.

VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT

- 1. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot in the envelope provided, or as indicated by your Nominee (as defined below). Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Beneficial Holder, does not contain an original signature, or is unsigned will not be counted. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if your Nominee is collecting your vote through other customary methods, including (but not limited to) via a "voting information form," please follow the instructions set forth by your Nominee.
- 2. Please return the Ballot in the envelope provided, or as otherwise directed by your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company, or other agent designated as your nominee (the "Nominee"). The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed pre-validated Beneficial Holder Ballots and Master Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline. IF YOU ARE RETURNING YOUR BALLOT TO YOUR NOMINEE, PLEASE RETURN IT BY THE DEADLINE PROVIDED BY YOUR NOMINEE TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE INCLUDED ON A MASTER BALLOT AND FORWARDED TO THE VOTING AGENT BY THE VOTING DEADLINE.
- 3. If it is your Nominee's customary practice to collect your vote via voter information form, e-mail, telephone, or other means in lieu of this Beneficial Holder Ballot, you may follow your Nominee's instructions regarding the submission of your vote.
- 4. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 5. You must vote all your Claims within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Claims within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 6. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or Interest or an assertion or admission of Claims or Interests.
- 7. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 8. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Claims prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.

- 9. If (a) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (b) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 10. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 11. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 12. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR 13. BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR BY**SENDING ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE** ANCORESCIENTIFICINOUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 14. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED OR AS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY YOUR NOMINEE. PLEASE ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR YOUR BALLOT TO BE INCLUDED ON A MASTER BALLOT COMPLETED BY YOUR NOMINEE. THE MASTER BALLOT MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE.

IF YOU (I) HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BALLOT, (II) DID NOT RECEIVE A COPY OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR THE PLAN, OR (III) NEED ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE BALLOT OR OTHER ENCLOSED MATERIALS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE VOTING AGENT AT (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR ++1 (888) 765-7875 (IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602: OR BY**SENDING** AN **EMAIL** TO CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Exhibit 12

Form of Registered Holder Ballot for Existing Common Interest (Class 12)

No person has been authorized to give any information or advice, or to make any representation, other than what is included in the Disclosure Statement and other materials accompanying this Ballot.¹

PLEASE NOTE THAT, EVEN IF YOU INTEND TO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MUST STILL READ, COMPLETE, AND EXECUTE THIS ENTIRE BALLOT.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	§	
In re:	§	Chapter 11
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CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,	§	Case No. 22-90341 (CML)
	§	
Debtors ²	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	

BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE THIRD AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED DEBTORS³

CLASS 12 (EXISTING COMMON INTEREST)

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO THAT IT IS <u>ACTUALLY RECEIVED</u> BY THE VOTING AGENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>"), UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE DEBTORS WITH THE CONSENT OF THE REOUISITE CONSENTING CREDITORS.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein or in the enclosed voting instructions have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Disclosure Statement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**") are soliciting votes with respect to the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). The Plan is attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**").

Please use this Ballot to cast your vote to accept or reject the Plan if you are, as of November 9, 2023 (the "Voting Record Date"): a Holder of the common stock issued by Core Scientific, Inc.; or a beneficial Holder of any Vested RSUs. The Disclosure Statement provides information to assist you in deciding whether to accept or reject the Plan. If you do not have the Disclosure Statement, you may obtain a copy (a) for a fee via PACER at http://www.txs.uscourts.gov; or (b) from Stretto, Inc. (the "Voting Agent" or "Stretto") at no charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, by email at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, or by telephone at (949).404.4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 888.765.7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.).

If you have any questions on how to properly complete this Ballot, please contact the Voting Agent (i) by e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, (ii) by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Please be advised that the Voting Agent cannot provide legal advice. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the classification and treatment of your Class 8 General Unsecured Claim under the Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TREATMENT FOR EXISTING COMMON INTERESTS CLASS 12

As described in more detail in the Disclosure Statement, if the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs, except to the extent that a Holder of an Existing Common Interest agrees to a less favorable treatment of such Interest, each such Holder shall receive, in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of such Interest, on the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, (i) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of the Residual Equity Pool, (ii) such Holder's Pro Rata Equity Share of the New Warrants, and (iii) the right to participate in the Rights Offering in accordance with the Rights Offering Procedures; *provided*, that with respect to any Existing Common Interests that are Unvested Restricted Stock, any New Common Interests distributed to Holders on account of such Unvested Restricted Stock will be subject to the same restrictions/vesting conditions applicable to such Unvested Restricted Stock as of the Effective Date.

PLEASE READ THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN FOR MORE DETAILS.

The Plan can be confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by the Holders of (i) at least two-thirds in amount of the Allowed Claims or Interests voted in each Impaired Class, and (ii) if the Impaired Class is a Class of Claims, more than one-half in number of the Allowed Claims voted in each Impaired Class, and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements of section 1129(a) under the Bankruptcy Code. If the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if it finds that the Plan (y) provides fair and equitable treatment to, and does not unfairly discriminate against, the Class or Classes rejecting the Plan, and (z) otherwise satisfies the requirements of section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Plan is confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, it will be binding on you whether or not you vote or if you vote to reject the Plan. To have your vote counted, you must complete, sign, and return this Ballot to the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline.

This Ballot is solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and not for the purpose of allowance or disallowance of, or distribution on account of, Class 12 Existing Common Interest. You must provide all of the information requested by this Ballot. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of your vote.

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 INJUNCTION.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud

(provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 EXCULPATION.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but

in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 <u>CANCELLATION OF LIENS</u>.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 4. IF THIS BALLOT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY SIGNED IN THE SPACE PROVIDED, YOUR VOTE MAY NOT BE VALID OR COUNTED AS HAVING BEEN CAST.

Item 1. Number of Existing Common Interests. The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of the following number of Existing Common Interests.

Voting Class	Description	Number of Existing Common Interests
Class 12	Existing Common Interest as of the Voting Record Date (November 9, 2023)	

Item 2. Votes on the Plan. Please vote either to accept or to reject the Plan with respect to your Claims below. Any Ballot not marked either to accept or reject the Plan, or marked both to accept and reject the Plan, shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

Prior to voting on the Plan, please note the following:

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) do not vote either to accept or reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, or (iii) vote to reject the Plan and do not check the box in Item 3 below, in each case you shall be deemed to have consented to the release provisions set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan.

The Disclosure Statement and the Plan must be referenced for a complete description of the release, injunction, and exculpation provisions.

The undersigned Holder of a Class 12 Existing Common Interest votes to (please check <u>one and only one</u> box):

	Accept (vote for) the Plan	Reject (vote against) the Plan
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Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

Item 3. Optional Opt Out Release Election. Check the box below if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. If you voted to reject the Plan in Item 2 above, or if you are abstaining from voting to accept or reject the Plan, check this box if you elect not to grant the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. Election to withhold consent is at your option. If you voted to accept the Plan in Item 2 above, you <u>may not</u> complete this Item 3, and if you complete this Item 3, your "opt out" election will be ineffective. If you submit a

rejecting Ballot, or if you abstain from submitting	a Ballot, and in each case, you do not check the
box below, you will be deemed to consent to the 1	releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan
to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.	The Holder of the Class 12 Existing Common
Interest set forth in Item 1 elects to:	

	OPT OUT	of the releases	contained only	in Section	10.6(b)	of the Plan
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Item 4. Acknowledgements. By signing this Ballot, the Holder (or authorized signatory of such Holder) acknowledges review and receipt of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the other applicable solicitation materials, and certifies that (i) it has the power and authority to vote to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) it was the Holder (or is entitled to vote on behalf of such Holder) of the Existing Common Interests described in Item 1 as of the Voting Record Date, and (iii) all authority conferred, or agreed to be conferred, pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the undersigned hereunder, shall be binding on the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy, and legal representatives of the undersigned, and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned.

Name of Holder
Signature
If by Authorized Agent, Name and Title
Name of Institution
Street Address
City, State, Zip Code
Telephone Number
Date Completed
E-Mail Address

VOTING INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BALLOT

- 1. Ballots received after the Voting Deadline (if the Voting Deadline has not been extended) may not, at the Debtors' discretion, be counted. The Voting Agent will tabulate all properly completed Ballots received on or before the Voting Deadline.
- 2. Complete the Ballot by providing all the information requested, signing, dating, and returning the Ballot to the Voting Agent. Any Ballot that is illegible, contains insufficient information to identify the Holder, or is unsigned will not be counted. Ballots may not be submitted to the Voting Agent by facsimile or electronic mail. If neither the "accept" nor "reject" box is checked in Item 2, both boxes are checked in Item 2, or the Ballot is otherwise not properly completed, executed, or timely returned, then the Ballot shall not be counted in determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 3. You must vote all of your Existing Common Interests within a single Class under the Plan either to accept or reject the Plan. Accordingly, if you return more than one Ballot voting different or inconsistent Interests within a single Class under the Plan, the Ballots are not voted in the same manner, and you do not correct this before the Voting Deadline, those Ballots will not be counted. An otherwise properly executed Ballot that attempts to partially accept and partially reject the Plan likewise will not be counted.
- 4. The Ballot does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, a Proof of Claim or Interest or an assertion or admission of Claims or Interests.
- 5. The Ballot is not a letter of transmittal and may not be used for any purpose other than to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 6. If you cast more than one Ballot voting the same Existing Common Interests prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest received, properly executed Ballot submitted to the Voting Agent will supersede any prior Ballot.
- 7. If (i) the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or (ii) the Confirmation Order is not entered or consummation of the Plan does not occur, this Ballot shall automatically be null and void and deemed withdrawn without any requirement of affirmative action by or notice to you.
- 8. There may be changes made to the Plan that do not cause material adverse effects on an accepting Class. If such non-material changes are made to the Plan, the Debtors will not resolicit votes for acceptance or rejection of the Plan.
- 9. NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR ADVICE, OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION, OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS MAILED WITH THIS BALLOT, ANY

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⁴ E-Ballots submitted on the Online Portal will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTORS, OR OTHER MATERIALS AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

- 10. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY.
- IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DAMAGED BALLOT OR HAVE LOST YOUR 11. BALLOT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS BALLOT OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING AGENT BY CALLING (949) 404-4152 (TOLL-FREE) OR +1 (888) 765-7875(IF CALLING FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.); WRITING CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER, C/O STRETTO, INC., 410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100, IRVINE, CA 92602; OR **SENDING** AN **ELECTRONIC MAIL MESSAGE** BYCORESCIENTIFICINOUIRIES@STRETTO.COM WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. PLEASE DO NOT DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES TO THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.
- 12. THE VOTING AGENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AND WILL NOT PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONLY <u>ONE</u> OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: (i) Online submission of an E-Ballot through the Online Portal, (ii) paper copy submission, in the return envelope provided, (iii) paper copy submission by hand delivery or overnight mail, or (iv) paper copy submission by first class mail.

IF YOU WISH TO COORDINATE HAND DELIVERY OF YOUR BALLOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE VOTING AGENT VIA E-MAIL AT CORESCIENTIFICINQUIRIES@STRETTO.COM (WITH "CORE SCIENTIFIC BALLOT" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATE.

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE PROPERLY EXECUTED, COMPLETED, AND DELIVERED ACCORDING TO THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT THE BALLOTS ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT NO LATER THAN THE VOTING DEADLINE.

Online Portal Voting Instructions

To properly submit your Ballot electronically, you must electronically complete, sign, and return this customized electronic Ballot by utilizing the Online Portal platform on the Stretto website by visiting https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/, clicking on the "Submit E-Ballot" link and following the instructions set forth on the website. Your Ballot must be received by Stretto no later than December 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), the Voting Deadline, unless such time is extended by the Debtors with the consent of the Requisite Consenting Creditors. HOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT THEIR BALLOTS VIA THE ONLINE PORTAL PLATFORM. The Stretto "Online Portal" platform is the sole manner in which ballots will be accepted via electronic

or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, electronic mail, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You will need the following information to retrieve and submit your customized electronic Ballot:

Unique E-Ballot ID#:	

Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an E-Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable. Ballots submitted by E-Ballot will be deemed to contain a legal, valid signature.

Holders who cast a Ballot using Stretto's "Online Portal" platform should <u>NOT</u> also submit a paper Ballot.

THE VOTING DEADLINE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN IS DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

Paper Copy Ballot Submission

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF PAPER BALLOTS (WHETHER BY HAND DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, OR FIRST CLASS MAIL)

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

If you are unable to use the Online Portal platform or need assistance in completing and submitting your Ballot, please contact Stretto (i) via e-mail at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com; (ii) via mail by writing Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, C/O Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602; or (iii) via telephone at (949) 404-4152 (Toll-Free) or +1 (888) 765-7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.)..

Exhibit 13

Notice of Non-Voting Status

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

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Chapter 11

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC., et al.,

Debtors

Debtors

(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS²

On December 21, 2022 (the "Petition Date"), Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), each commenced a case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court").

On November 14, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court held a hearing (the "**Disclosure Statement Hearing**") at which it conditionally approved the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors,* filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**"), and thereafter entered an order (the "**Order**") with respect thereto. The Order, among other things, authorizes the Debtors to solicit votes to accept the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors,* filed on November [•], 2023 (Docket No. [•]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Plan**"). If you have any questions about the status of your Claim or Interest or if you wish to obtain paper copies of the Plan and Disclosure Statement, you may contact the Debtors' voting agent, Stretto, Inc.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Core Scientific Mining LLC (6971); Core Scientific, Inc. (3837); Core Scientific Acquired Mining LLC (6074); Core Scientific Operating Company (5526); Radar Relay, Inc. (0496); Core Scientific Specialty Mining (Oklahoma) LLC (4327); American Property Acquisition, LLC (0825); Starboard Capital LLC (6677); RADAR LLC (5106); American Property Acquisitions I, LLC (9717); and American Property Acquisitions VII, LLC (3198). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is 210 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78704. The Debtors' service address is 2407 S. Congress Ave, Suite E-101, Austin, TX 78704.

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

³ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Disclosure Statement or Plan, as applicable.

("Stretto" or the "Voting Agent"), by writing to Core Scientific, Inc., Ballot Processing Center, c/o Stretto, Inc., 410 Exchange, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92602, or by email at CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com, or by telephone at (949).404.4152 (Toll-Free) or +1888.765.7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.). Copies of the Plan and Disclosure Statement can also be accessed online at https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific. Please be advised that Stretto cannot provide legal advice.

You are receiving this notice (this "Notice of Non-Voting Status") because, according to the Debtors' books and records, you are a holder of:

- i. Class 4 Other Secured Claims under the Plan, which provides that your Claim(s) against the Debtors is unimpaired and, therefore, pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are presumed to have accepted the Plan and not entitled to vote on the Plan; and/or
- ii. Class 7 Priority Non-Tax Claims under the Plan, which provides that your Claim(s) against the Debtors is unimpaired and, therefore, pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are presumed to have accepted the Plan and not entitled to vote on the Plan.

The deadline for filing objections to confirmation of the Plan or final approval of the Disclosure Statement is **December 13, 2023 (the "Objection Deadline")**. Any objections to the confirmation of the Plan or final approval of the Disclosure Statement must: (i) be in writing; (ii) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and any order of the Bankruptcy Court; (iii) set forth the name of the objecting party and the nature and amount of Claims or Interests held or asserted by the objecting party against the Debtors' estates or property; and (iv) provide the basis for the objection, and the specific grounds therefor, and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection. Registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's case filing system must electronically file their objections and responses on or before the Objection Deadline. All other parties in interest must file their objections and responses in writing with the United States Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office, Rosario Saldana, United States Courthouse, 515 Rusk Avenue, Courtroom 401, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.

If you have questions about this Notice of Non-Voting Status, please contact Stretto

Telephone: (949).404.4152 (Toll-Free) or +1888.765.7875 (if calling from outside the U.S.)

Email: CoreScientificInquiries@stretto.com

Website: https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific

NOTICE REGARDING CERTAIN RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS IN PLAN

If you (i) vote to accept the Plan, (ii) are solicited to vote to accept or reject the Plan, but do not vote to either accept or reject the Plan, and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, (iii) vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or are presumed to

accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan, or (iv) were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in the Plan but do not opt out, you shall be deemed to have consented to the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan. The releases as presented in the Plan are provided below:

SECTION 10.5 INJUNCTION.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to Section 10.6(a) or Section 10.6(b), shall be discharged pursuant to Section 10.3 of the Plan, or are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 10.7, and all Subcontractors and all other parties in interest are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and/or the Exculpated Parties (to the extent of the exculpation provided pursuant to Section 10.7 with respect to the Exculpated Parties): (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (iv) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless (x) such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right either in a Filed Proof of Claim, or in another document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff or that otherwise indicates that such entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise or (y) such right to setoff arises under a postpetition agreement with the Debtors or an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Debtors as of the Effective Date; and (v) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released, settled, and/or treated, entitled to a distribution, or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or otherwise Disallowed; provided that such persons who have held, hold, or may hold Claims against, or Interests in, a Debtor, a Reorganized Debtor, or an Estate shall not be precluded from exercising their rights and remedies, or obtaining the benefits, solely pursuant to and consistent with the terms of the Plan.

Subject in all respects to Section 11.1, no entity or person may commence or pursue a Claim or Cause of Action of any kind against any Released Party or Exculpated Party that arose or arises from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts,

any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and any and all related agreements, instruments, and/or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing without the Bankruptcy Court (i) first determining, after notice and a hearing, that such Claim or Cause of Action represents a claim of willful misconduct, fraud or gross negligence against a Released Party or Exculpated Party and (ii) specifically authorizing such Entity or Person to bring such Claim or Cause of Action against any such Released Party or Exculpated Party. The Bankruptcy Court shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a Claim or Cause of Action is colorable and, only to the extent legally permissible and as provided for in Section 11.1, shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate the underlying colorable Claim or Cause of Action.

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, the Released Parties are deemed conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, released and discharged by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Estates from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Person, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the

Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(a) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these Debtor releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, (b) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action held by the Debtors arising from an act or omission that is determined by a Final Order or by a federal government agency to have constituted a violation of any federal securities laws or (c) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan. Section 10.6(a) of the Plan is subject to approval of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Core Scientific, Inc.

SECTION 10.6(b) RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each Releasing Party, shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released, and discharged the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and the Released Parties from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative Claims or Causes of Action asserted or that may be asserted on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their

own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, any act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, including any Claims or Causes of Action based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors (which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, all claims and Causes of Action asserted or assertable in the Securities Class Action), the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other agreement, act or omission, transaction, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) releasing any Released Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these third-party releases any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) releasing any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 10.7 <u>EXCULPATION</u>.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out, in whole or in part, from the Petition Date through the Effective

Date, of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors, the governance, management, transactions, ownership, or operation of the Debtors, the purchase, sale or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the DIP Facility, the Convertible Notes Agreements, the Miner Equipment Lender Agreements, the Mortgage Agreements, the General Contracts, any and all agreements relating to M&M Liens, and related agreements, instruments, or other documents, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Settlements, the New Secured Convertible Notes Documents, the New Secured Notes Documents, the Contingent Payment Obligations Documents, the New Miner Equipment Lender Debt Documents, the Exit Facility Documents, the New Warrants Agreement, the Rights Offering, the Backstop Commitment Agreement, the Initial DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Terminated RSA, the RSA, the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or Confirmation Order, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan (including, but not limited to, the New Common Interests), or the distribution of property under the Plan, or any other related agreement, except for Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects, such Exculpated Parties shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan, shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with all applicable laws with regard to the solicitation and distribution of, consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpations set forth in Section 10.7 of the Plan (i) shall only be applicable to the maximum extent permitted by law; and (ii) shall not be construed as (a) exculpating any Exculpated Party from Claims or Causes of Action arising from an act or omission that is judicially determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud (provided that actual fraud shall not exempt from the scope of these exculpations any Claims or Causes of Action arising under sections 544 or 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or state laws governing fraudulent or otherwise avoidable transfers or conveyances), willful misconduct, or gross negligence, or (b) exculpating any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, any Restructuring Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

SECTION 5.14 <u>CANCELLATION OF LIENS</u>.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be

discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.

(b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests

that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

Dated: [●], 2023

Houston, Texas

/s/ [DRAFT]

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Exhibit 14

Form of Release Opt Out

OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT OUT FORM¹

You are receiving this opt out form (the "Release Opt Out Form") because you (i) are or may be a Holder of a Claim against Core Scientific, Inc. and its debtor affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors") that is not entitled to vote on the *Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "Plan")² or (ii) are a current or former shareholder of equity securities of the Debtors, purchased during the period from January 3, 2022 through December 20, 2022, inclusive (an "Other Beneficial Owner") that holds or may hold a claim that will be released pursuant to the Plan. A holder of Claims, Interests, and/or an Other Beneficial Owner is deemed to grant the third-party releases set forth below unless such holder affirmatively opts out on or before the Opt Out Deadline (as defined below).

THIS RELEASE OPT OUT FORM PROVIDES YOU WITH THE OPTION TO NOT GRANT THE VOLUNTARY RELEASE CONTAINED IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN. PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, IF YOU, AS A HOLDER OF CLAIMS OR INTEREST, OR AS AN OTHER BENEFICIAL OWNER, WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF GRANTING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN THE PLAN BUT DO NOT OPT OUT, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE RELEASE PROVISIONS IN THE PLAN. TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU HAVE AN ALLOWED CLAIM OR INTEREST, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE SAME RECOVERY AND TREATMENT ON ACCOUNT OF YOUR CLAIM OR INTEREST UNDER THE PLAN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU ELECT TO NOT GRANT THE VOLUNTARY RELEASE CONTAINED IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN. IF YOU ELECT TO NOT GRANT THE VOLUNTARY RELEASE CONTAINED IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN, HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT BE A "RELEASED PARTY" WITH RESPECT TO THE VOLUNTARY THIRD-PARTY RELEASE BY RELEASING PARTIES. IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN AND VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN, YOU SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN.

IF YOU ARE AN OTHER BENEFICIAL OWNER AND DO NOT OPT OUT OF GRANTING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN, YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE RELEASE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN,

Each of the Ballots and notices will be updated to reflect the terms of the agreed Plan, which will reflect the Joint Notice of Agreement on Restructuring Term Sheet by and Among the Debtors, the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group, and the Equity Committee (Docket No. 1367) (the "Mediated Settlement"). Nothing in any Ballot or notice shall be deemed to be an agreement to or consent with respect to any language or provision to be contained in the Plan or any other Definitive Document, which remain subject to the Ad Hoc Noteholder Group's and Equity Committee's continuing review and comment and the applicable consent rights set forth in the Mediated Settlement. The Debtors will file an amended proposed order granting the relief requested in the Disclosure Statement Motion that reflects the terms of the agreed Plan that reflects the Mediated Settlement.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan or the *Disclosure Statement for Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors*, filed on November [●], 2023 (Docket No. [●]) (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented, the "**Disclosure Statement**"), as applicable.

INCLUDING THE RELEASE OF ANY OF YOUR CLAIMS ASSERTED OR ASSERTABLE AGAINST THE DEBTORS' DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS IN THE SECURITIES CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT PENDING AGAINST IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE RELEASED WHATEVER CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE AGAINST THE DEBTORS AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE AND ENTITIES (INCLUDING THE DEBTORS' OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS) UNLESS YOU RETURN OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THIS RELEASE OPT OUT FORM BY DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME) (THE "OPT OUT DEADLINE").

If you believe you are a holder of a Claim, Interest, or an Other Beneficial Owner with respect to the Debtors or Released Parties (as defined below) and choose to opt out of the third-party releases set forth in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan, please submit your election to opt out through one of the following methods: (i) completing, signing, dating, and returning this Release Opt Out Form promptly via first class mail (or in the enclosed reply envelope provided), overnight courier, or hand delivery to the Voting Agent at the address set forth below, so that it is received by the Voting Agent prior to the Opt Out Deadline, or (ii) by completing and located Release Opt Out Online Portal signing the Form via the https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific.

To ensure that your hard copy Release Opt Out Form is counted, clearly sign and return your Release Opt Out Form in the enclosed pre-addressed, or via first-class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to:

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF RELEASE OPT OUT FORM

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

THIS RELEASE OPT OUT FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE VOTING AGENT BY THE OPT OUT DEADLINE. IF THE RELEASE OPT OUT FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT OUT DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Item 1.Amount of Claim. The undersigned hereby certifies that, as of September 25, 2023, the undersigned was the Holder (or authorized signatory of such a Holder) of Claims or Interests in the amount set forth below, or is an Other Beneficial Owner.

Class 4 (Other Secured Claims)	Amount: \$

Class 7 (Priority Non-Tax Claims)	Amount: \$
Other Beneficial Owner	

Item 2. Releases.

The Plan contains the following release provisions:

SECTION 10.6(a) RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED IN THE PLAN TO THE CONTRARY, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1123(B) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, THE ADEQUACY OF WHICH IS HEREBY CONFIRMED, **INCLUDING THE** OBLIGATIONS OF THE DEBTORS UNDER THE PLAN AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RELEASED PARTIES TO FACILITATE AND IMPLEMENT THE PLAN, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE PLAN OR IN THE CONFIRMATION ORDER, ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, THE RELEASED PARTIES ARE CONCLUSIVELY, ABSOLUTELY, UNCONDITIONALLY IRREVOCABLY, RELEASED AND DISCHARGED BY THE DEBTORS, THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS, AND THE ESTATES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS, SUITS, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, REMEDIES, AND LIABILITIES WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING ANY DERIVATIVE CLAIMS, ASSERTED OR ASSERTABLE ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, EXISTING OR HEREINAFTER ARISING, IN LAW, EQUITY, OR OTHERWISE, THAT THE DEBTORS, THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS, THE ESTATES, OR THEIR AFFILIATES WOULD HAVE BEEN LEGALLY ENTITLED TO ASSERT IN THEIR OWN RIGHT (WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY) OR ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER OF ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST OR OTHER PERSON, BASED ON OR RELATING TO, OR IN ANY MANNER ARISING FROM, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, DEBTORS. THE GOVERNANCE. MANAGEMENT. TRANSACTIONS. OWNERSHIP, OR OPERATION OF THE DEBTORS, THE PURCHASE, SALE OR RESCISSION OF ANY SECURITY OF THE DEBTORS OR THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS (WHICH INCLUDES, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED OR ASSERTABLE IN THE SECURITIES CLASS ACTION), THE DIP FACILITY, THE CONVERTIBLE NOTES AGREEMENTS. MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER AGREEMENTS, THE AGREEMENTS, THE GENERAL CONTRACTS, ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS FORMULATION. THE RELATING TO M&M LIENS. PREPARATION. DISSEMINATION, SOLICITATION, NEGOTIATION, ENTRY INTO, OR FILING OF THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT). THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, OR ANY RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION, CONTRACT, INSTRUMENT, RELEASE, OR OTHER AGREEMENT OR DOCUMENT (INCLUDING

ANY LEGAL OPINION REQUESTED BY ANY ENTITY REGARDING ANY TRANSACTION, CONTRACT, INSTRUMENT, DOCUMENT, **OTHER** AGREEMENT CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN OR THE RELIANCE BY ANY RELEASED PARTY ON THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER IN LIEU OF SUCH LEGAL OPINION) CREATED OR ENTERED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN SETTLEMENTS, THE NEW SECURED CONVERTIBLE NOTES DOCUMENTS, THE **SECURED NOTES** DOCUMENTS, THE **CONTINGENT** OBLIGATIONS DOCUMENTS, THE NEW MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER DEBT DOCUMENTS, THE EXIT FACILITY DOCUMENTS, THE NEW WARRANTS AGREEMENT, THE RIGHTS OFFERING, THE BACKSTOP COMMITMENT AGREEMENT, THE INITIAL DIP LOAN DOCUMENTS, THE DIP FACILITY, THE TERMINATED RSA, THE RSA, THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, THE PURSUIT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN, THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OR DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO THE PLAN (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEW COMMON INTERESTS), OR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT, ACT OR OMISSION, TRANSACTION, EVENT, OR OTHER OCCURRENCE TAKING PLACE ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE FOREGOING, THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN SECTION 10.6(A) OF THE PLAN (I) SHALL ONLY BE APPLICABLE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW; (II) SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS (A) RELEASING ANY RELEASED PARTY FROM CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT IS JUDICIALLY DETERMINED BY A FINAL ORDER TO HAVE CONSTITUTED ACTUAL FRAUD (PROVIDED THAT ACTUAL FRAUD SHALL NOT EXEMPT FROM THE SCOPE OF THESE DEBTOR RELEASES ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING UNDER SECTIONS 544 OR 548 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR STATE LAWS GOVERNING FRAUDULENT OR OTHERWISE AVOIDABLE TRANSFERS OR CONVEYANCES), WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE, (B) RELEASING ANY RELEASED PARTY FROM CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION HELD BY THE DEBTORS ARISING FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT IS DETERMINED BY A FINAL ORDER OR BY A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO HAVE CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS OR (C) RELEASING ANY POST-EFFECTIVE DATE OBLIGATIONS OF ANY PARTY OR THE THE **CONFIRMATION** ENTITY UNDER PLAN, ORDER. RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION, OR ANY DOCUMENT, INSTRUMENT, OR AGREEMENT (INCLUDING THOSE SET FORTH IN THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT) EXECUTED TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN. SECTION 10.6(A) OF THE PLAN IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.

SECTION 10.6(b) <u>RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS.</u>

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED IN THE PLAN TO THE CONTRARY, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE, FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE

CONSIDERATION, THE ADEQUACY OF WHICH IS HEREBY CONFIRMED, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE PLAN OR IN THE CONFIRMATION ORDER, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, AS SUCH LAW MAY BE EXTENDED OR INTEGRATED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, EACH RELEASING PARTY, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONCLUSIVELY, ABSOLUTELY, UNCONDITIONALLY, IRREVOCABLY, **AND** RELEASED, AND DISCHARGED THE DEBTORS, THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS, AND THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS, SUITS, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, REMEDIES, AND LIABILITIES WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING ANY DERIVATIVE CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED OR THAT MAY BE ASSERTED ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES, THAT SUCH ENTITY WOULD HAVE BEEN LEGALLY ENTITLED TO ASSERT IN THEIR OWN RIGHT (WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY COLLECTIVELY) OR ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER OF ANY CLAIM OR INTEREST, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, EXISTING OR HEREINAFTER ARISING, IN LAW, EQUITY, OR OTHERWISE, BASED ON OR RELATING TO, OR IN ANY MANNER ARISING FROM, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, ANY ACT OR OMISSION, TRANSACTION, AGREEMENT, EVENT, OR OTHER OCCURRENCE TAKING PLACE ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION BASED ON OR RELATING TO, OR IN ANY MANNER ARISING FROM, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, THE DEBTORS, THE GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, TRANSACTIONS, OWNERSHIP, OR OPERATION OF THE DEBTORS, THE PURCHASE, SALE OR RESCISSION OF ANY SECURITY OF THE DEBTORS OR THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS (WHICH INCLUDES, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED OR ASSERTABLE IN THE SECURITIES CLASS ACTION), THE DIP FACILITY, THE CONVERTIBLE NOTES AGREEMENTS. MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER AGREEMENTS, THE AGREEMENTS, THE GENERAL CONTRACTS, ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS THE FORMULATION, TO M&M LIENS, PREPARATION, DISSEMINATION, SOLICITATION, NEGOTIATION, ENTRY INTO, OR FILING OF THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT), THE DISCLOSURE TRANSACTION, STATEMENT, OR ANY RESTRUCTURING INSTRUMENT, RELEASE, OR OTHER AGREEMENT OR DOCUMENT (INCLUDING ANY LEGAL OPINION REQUESTED BY ANY ENTITY REGARDING ANY TRANSACTION. CONTRACT. INSTRUMENT. DOCUMENT. AGREEMENT CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN OR THE RELIANCE BY ANY RELEASED PARTY ON THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER IN LIEU OF SUCH LEGAL OPINION) CREATED OR ENTERED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN SETTLEMENTS, THE NEW SECURED CONVERTIBLE NOTES DOCUMENTS, THE DOCUMENTS, SECURED NOTES THE CONTINGENT OBLIGATIONS DOCUMENTS, THE NEW MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER DEBT DOCUMENTS. THE EXIT FACILITY DOCUMENTS. THE NEW WARRANTS AGREEMENT, THE RIGHTS OFFERING, THE BACKSTOP COMMITMENT AGREEMENT, THE INITIAL DIP LOAN DOCUMENTS, THE DIP FACILITY, THE

TERMINATED RSA, THE RSA, THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, THE PURSUIT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN, THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OR DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO THE PLAN (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEW COMMON INTERESTS), OR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT, ACT OR OMISSION, TRANSACTION, EVENT, OR OTHER OCCURRENCE TAKING PLACE ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE FOREGOING, THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN SECTION 10.6(B) OF THE PLAN (I) SHALL ONLY BE APPLICABLE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW; AND (II) SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS (A) RELEASING ANY RELEASED PARTY FROM CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT IS JUDICIALLY DETERMINED BY A FINAL ORDER TO HAVE CONSTITUTED ACTUAL FRAUD (PROVIDED THAT ACTUAL FRAUD SHALL NOT EXEMPT FROM THE SCOPE OF THESE THIRD-PARTY RELEASES ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING UNDER SECTIONS 544 OR 548 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR STATE LAWS GOVERNING FRAUDULENT OR OTHERWISE AVOIDABLE TRANSFERS OR CONVEYANCES), WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OR (B) RELEASING ANY POST-EFFECTIVE DATE OBLIGATIONS OF ANY PARTY OR ENTITY UNDER THE PLAN, ANY RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION, OR ANY DOCUMENT, INSTRUMENT, OR AGREEMENT (INCLUDING THOSE SET FORTH IN THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT) EXECUTED TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.

SECTION 10.7 EXCULPATION.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THE PLAN, NO EXCULPATED PARTY SHALL HAVE OR INCUR LIABILITY FOR, AND EACH EXCULPATED PARTY IS HEREBY RELEASED AND EXCULPATED FROM, ANY CAUSE OF ACTION FOR ANY CLAIM RELATED TO ANY ACT OR OMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH, RELATING TO, OR ARISING OUT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FROM THE PETITION DATE THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATE, OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, THE DEBTORS, THE GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, TRANSACTIONS, OWNERSHIP, OR OPERATION OF THE DEBTORS, THE PURCHASE, SALE OR RESCISSION OF ANY SECURITY OF THE DEBTORS OR THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS, THE DIP FACILITY, THE CONVERTIBLE NOTES AGREEMENTS, THE MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER AGREEMENTS, THE MORTGAGE AGREEMENTS, THE GENERAL CONTRACTS, ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS RELATING TO M&M LIENS, AND RELATED AGREEMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS, THE FORMULATION, PREPARATION, DISSEMINATION, SOLICITATION, NEGOTIATION, ENTRY INTO, OR FILING OF THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT), THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION, OR ANY CONTRACT, INSTRUMENT, RELEASE, OR OTHER AGREEMENT OR DOCUMENT (INCLUDING ANY LEGAL OPINION REQUESTED BY ANY ENTITY REGARDING ANY CONTRACT, INSTRUMENT, DOCUMENT. TRANSACTION. OR AGREEMENT CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN OR THE RELIANCE BY ANY

RELEASED PARTY ON THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER IN LIEU OF SUCH LEGAL OPINION) CREATED OR ENTERED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN SETTLEMENTS, THE NEW SECURED CONVERTIBLE NOTES DOCUMENTS, THE SECURED **NOTES** DOCUMENTS, THE **CONTINGENT** OBLIGATIONS DOCUMENTS, THE NEW MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER DEBT DOCUMENTS, THE EXIT FACILITY DOCUMENTS, THE NEW WARRANTS AGREEMENT, THE RIGHTS OFFERING, THE BACKSTOP COMMITMENT AGREEMENT, THE INITIAL DIP LOAN DOCUMENTS, THE DIP FACILITY, THE TERMINATED RSA, THE RSA, THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, THE PURSUIT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN, THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OR DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO THE PLAN (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEW COMMON INTERESTS), OR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, OR ANY OTHER RELATED AGREEMENT, EXCEPT FOR CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT IS JUDICIALLY DETERMINED IN A FINAL ORDER TO HAVE CONSTITUTED ACTUAL FRAUD, WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE, BUT IN ALL RESPECTS, SUCH EXCULPATED PARTIES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REASONABLY RELY UPON THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. THE EXCULPATED PARTIES HAVE, AND UPON COMPLETION OF THE PLAN, SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE, PARTICIPATED IN GOOD FAITH AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS WITH REGARD TO THE SOLICITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF, CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO THE PLAN AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT, AND ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH DISTRIBUTIONS SHALL NOT BE, LIABLE AT ANY TIME FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY APPLICABLE LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION GOVERNING THE SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCES OR REJECTIONS OF THE OR SUCH DISTRIBUTIONS MADE PURSUANT TO THE NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN THE FOREGOING, THE EXCULPATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 10.7 OF THE PLAN (I) SHALL ONLY BE APPLICABLE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW; AND (II) SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS (A) EXCULPATING ANY EXCULPATED PARTY FROM CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING FROM AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT IS JUDICIALLY DETERMINED BY A FINAL ORDER TO HAVE CONSTITUTED ACTUAL FRAUD (PROVIDED THAT ACTUAL FRAUD SHALL NOT EXEMPT FROM THE SCOPE OF THESE EXCULPATIONS ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING UNDER SECTIONS 544 OR 548 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR STATE LAWS GOVERNING FRAUDULENT OR OTHERWISE AVOIDABLE TRANSFERS OR CONVEYANCES), WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OR (B) **EXCULPATING ANY POST-EFFECTIVE DATE OBLIGATIONS OF ANY PARTY OR** ENTITY UNDER THE PLAN, ANY RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION, OR ANY DOCUMENT, INSTRUMENT, OR AGREEMENT (INCLUDING THOSE SET FORTH IN THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT) EXECUTED TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN.

SECTION 10.5 <u>INJUNCTION</u>.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THE PLAN OR FOR DISTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO BE PAID OR DELIVERED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN OR THE CONFIRMATION ORDER, ALL ENTITIES THAT HAVE HELD, HOLD, OR MAY HOLD CLAIMS OR INTERESTS THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10.6(A) OR SECTION 10.6(B), SHALL BE DISCHARGED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10.3 OF THE PLAN, OR ARE SUBJECT TO EXCULPATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 10.7, AND ALL SUBCONTRACTORS AND ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST ARE PERMANENTLY ENJOINED, FROM AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE, FROM TAKING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AGAINST, AS APPLICABLE, THE DEBTORS, THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS, THE RELEASED PARTIES, AND/OR THE EXCULPATED PARTIES (TO THE EXTENT OF THE **EXCULPATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10.7 WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCULPATED PARTIES): (I) COMMENCING OR CONTINUING IN ANY MANNER** ANY ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS: (II) ENFORCING, ATTACHING, COLLECTING, OR RECOVERING BY ANY MANNER OR MEANS ANY JUDGMENT, AWARD, DECREE, OR ORDER AGAINST SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS; (III) CREATING, PERFECTING, OR ENFORCING ANY LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE OF ANY KIND AGAINST SUCH ENTITIES OR THE PROPERTY OR THE ESTATES OF SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH **INTERESTS: (IV) ASSERTING** ANY **RIGHT** OR OF SUBROGATION, OR RECOUPMENT OF ANY KIND AGAINST ANY OBLIGATION DUE FROM SUCH ENTITIES OR AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF SUCH ENTITIES ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS UNLESS (X) SUCH ENTITY HAS TIMELY ASSERTED SUCH SETOFF RIGHT EITHER IN A FILED PROOF OF CLAIM, OR IN ANOTHER DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE BANKRUPTCY COURT EXPLICITLY PRESERVING SUCH SETOFF OR THAT OTHERWISE INDICATES THAT SUCH ENTITY ASSERTS, HAS, OR INTENDS TO PRESERVE ANY RIGHT OF SETOFF PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW OR OTHERWISE OR (Y) SUCH RIGHT TO SETOFF ARISES UNDER A POSTPETITION AGREEMENT WITH THE DEBTORS OR AN EXECUTORY CONTRACT THAT HAS BEEN ASSUMED BY THE DEBTORS AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND (V) COMMENCING OR CONTINUING IN ANY MANNER ANY ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND ON ACCOUNT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS OR INTERESTS RELEASED, SETTLED, AND/OR TREATED, ENTITLED TO A DISTRIBUTION, OR CANCELLED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN OR OTHERWISE DISALLOWED; PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE HELD, HOLD, OR MAY HOLD CLAIMS AGAINST, OR INTERESTS IN, A DEBTOR, A REORGANIZED DEBTOR, OR AN ESTATE SHALL NOT BE PRECLUDED FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS AND REMEDIES, OR OBTAINING THE BENEFITS, SOLELY PURSUANT TO AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE PLAN.

SUBJECT IN ALL RESPECTS TO SECTION 11.1, NO ENTITY OR PERSON MAY COMMENCE OR PURSUE A CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION OF ANY KIND AGAINST ANY RELEASED PARTY OR EXCULPATED PARTY THAT AROSE OR ARISES FROM, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, THE DEBTORS, THE GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT, TRANSACTIONS, OWNERSHIP, OR OPERATION OF THE DEBTORS, THE PURCHASE, SALE OR RESCISSION OF ANY SECURITY OF THE DEBTORS OR THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS (WHICH INCLUDES, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED OR ASSERTABLE IN THE SECURITIES CLASS ACTION), THE DIP FACILITY, THE CONVERTIBLE NOTES AGREEMENTS, THE MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER AGREEMENTS, THE MORTGAGE AGREEMENTS, THE GENERAL CONTRACTS, ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS RELATING TO M&M LIENS, AND ANY AND ALL RELATED AGREEMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND/OR OTHER DOCUMENTS, THE FORMULATION, PREPARATION, DISSEMINATION, SOLICITATION, NEGOTIATION, ENTRY INTO, OR FILING OF THE PLAN (INCLUDING THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT), THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, OR ANY RESTRUCTURING TRANSACTION, CONTRACT, INSTRUMENT, RELEASE, OR OTHER AGREEMENT OR DOCUMENT (INCLUDING ANY LEGAL OPINION REQUESTED BY ANY ENTITY REGARDING ANY TRANSACTION, CONTRACT, INSTRUMENT, DOCUMENT, OR OTHER AGREEMENT CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN OR THE RELIANCE BY ANY RELEASED PARTY ON THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER IN LIEU OF SUCH LEGAL OPINION) CREATED OR ENTERED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLAN, THE PLAN SUPPLEMENT, THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN SETTLEMENTS, THE NEW SECURED CONVERTIBLE NOTES DOCUMENTS, THE NEW SECURED NOTES DOCUMENTS, THE CONTINGENT PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS DOCUMENTS, THE NEW MINER EQUIPMENT LENDER DEBT DOCUMENTS, THE EXIT FACILITY DOCUMENTS, THE NEW WARRANTS AGREEMENT, THE RIGHTS OFFERING, THE BACKSTOP COMMITMENT AGREEMENT, THE INITIAL DIP LOAN DOCUMENTS, THE DIP FACILITY, THE TERMINATED RSA, THE RSA, THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, THE PURSUIT OF CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN, THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OR CONFIRMATION ORDER, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OR DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO THE PLAN (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEW COMMON INTERESTS), OR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT, ACT OR OMISSION, TRANSACTION, EVENT, OR OTHER OCCURRENCE TAKING PLACE ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE RELATED OR RELATING TO THE FOREGOING WITHOUT THE BANKRUPTCY COURT (I) FIRST DETERMINING, AFTER NOTICE AND A HEARING, THAT SUCH CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION REPRESENTS A CLAIM OF WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, FRAUD OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE AGAINST A PARTY OR EXCULPATED PARTY AND (II) SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING SUCH ENTITY OR PERSON TO BRING SUCH CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ANY SUCH RELEASED PARTY OR EXCULPATED PARTY. THE BANKRUPTCY COURT SHALL HAVE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER A CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION IS COLORABLE AND,

ONLY TO THE EXTENT LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE AND AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 11.1, SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION TO ADJUDICATE THE UNDERLYING COLORABLE CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION.

SECTION 5.14 <u>CANCELLATION OF LIENS</u>.

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, including sections 4.4 and 4.6 of the Plan, all notes, instruments, certificates evidencing debt of the Debtors and Existing Common Interests will be cancelled and obligations of the Debtors thereunder will be discharged and of no further force or effect, except for the purpose of allowing the applicable agents and trustees to receive distributions from the Debtors under the Plan and to make any further distributions to the applicable Holders on account of their Allowed Claims and Interests.
- (b) After the Effective Date and following (i) the distributions to Holders on account of Allowed Convertible Notes Secured Claims and Allowed Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims and/or (ii) with regard to Allowed M&M Lien Secured Claims, satisfaction of the applicable M&M Lien Takeback Debt, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, at their expense, may, in their sole discretion, take any action necessary to terminate, cancel, extinguish, and/or evidence the release of any and all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests with respect to the Convertible Notes Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, and M&M Lien Secured Claims, including, without limitation, the preparation and filing of any and all documents necessary to terminate, satisfy, or release any mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, and other security interests held by the Holders of the M&M Lien Secured Claims, Miner Equipment Lender Secured Claims, the Notes Agent, and/or Convertible Noteholders, including, without limitation, UCC-3 termination statements.

Relevant Definitions Related to Release and Exculpation Provisions:

"Exculpated Parties" means each of the following in their capacity as such and, in each case, to the maximum extent permitted by law: (i) the Debtors; and (ii) Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such.

"Related Parties" means with respect to a Person, that Person's current and former Affiliates, and such Person's and its current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, members, employees, agents, fiduciaries, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, limited partners, general partners, attorneys, accountants, managed accounts or funds, management companies, fund advisors, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, and such Person's respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees, each in their capacity as such.

"Released Parties" means, collectively: (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) the Equity Committee and its members, solely in their capacity as such; (iv) the

Backstop Parties; (v) the Settling Miner Equipment Lenders; (vi) Brown Corporation; (vii) Holliwood LLC; (viii) the Consenting Creditors; and (ix) the Exit Lenders; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ix), all current and former Related Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Person that opts out of the releases set forth in section 10.6(b) of the Plan shall not be deemed a Released Party thereunder.

"Releasing Parties" means collectively, and in each case solely in their capacity as such, (i) the Debtors; (ii) the Reorganized Debtors; (iii) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (i) through (ii), all Related Parties; (iv) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote to accept the Plan; (v) the Holders of all Claims or Interests whose vote to accept or reject the Plan is solicited but that do not vote either to accept or to reject the Plan and do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; (vi) the Holders of all Claims or Interests that vote, or are deemed, to reject the Plan or that are presumed to accept the Plan but do not opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan; and (vii) the Holders of all Claims and Interests and all Other Beneficial Owners that were given notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases set forth in the Plan but did not opt out.

YOU ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN, INCLUDING THE RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AS YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, IF YOU, AS A HOLDER OF CLAIMS OR AN OTHER BENEFICIAL OWNER WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF GRANTING THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN BUT DO NOT OPT OUT, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE RELEASE PROVISIONS IN SECTION 10.6(b) OF THE PLAN.

By checking the box below, the undersigned Holder of a Claim not entitled to vote or Other Beneficial Owner identified in Item 1 above, having received notice of the opportunity to opt out of granting the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan:

☐ Elects to <u>OPT OUT</u> of the releases contained in Section 10.6(b) of the Plan

Item 3. Certifications. By signing this Release Opt Out Form, the undersigned certifies that:

- a. as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Holder is the Holder of the Claims set forth in Item 1; (ii) the Holder is an authorized signatory for an entity that is the Holder of the Claims set forth in Item 1; or (iii) it is an Other Beneficial Owner;
- b. the undersigned has received a copy of the Release Opt Out Form and that the Release Opt Out Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;

- c. if applicable, the undersigned has submitted the same election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims in a single Class set forth in Item 1; and
- d. that no other Release Opt Out Form with respect to the amount(s) of Claims identified in Item 1 or on account of being an Other Beneficial Owner have been submitted or, if any other Release Opt Out Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or on account of being an Other Beneficial Owner, then any such earlier Release Opt Out Forms are hereby revoked.

Name of Holder or Other Beneficial Owner:	
Signature:	
Name of Signatory (if different from Holder or Other Beneficial Owner):	
Title (if applicable):	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	
Date Completed:	

IF YOU WISH TO OPT OUT, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS RELEASE OPT OUT FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE VOTING AGENT BY *JUST ONE* OF THE

FOLLOWING METHODS: MAIL, OVERNIGHT OR HAND DELIVERY, OR BY ONLINE TRANSMISSION VIA ONLINE PORTAL:

STRETTO'S ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT OF
RELEASE OPT OUT FORM

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.
BALLOT PROCESSING CENTER
C/O STRETTO, INC.
410 EXCHANGE, SUITE 100
IRVINE, CA 92602

THE OPT OUT DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 13, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME).

USE OF ONLINE OPT-OUT FORM

You may submit your Release Opt Out Form by electronic, online transmission solely through the Online Portal found on the Debtors' case information website and following the directions set forth on the Online Portal regarding submitting your Release Opt Out Form as described more fully below.

- 1. Please visit https://cases.stretto.com/CoreScientific/;
- 2. Click on the "Submit E-Ballot" section of the Debtors' website;
- 3. Follow the directions to submit your Release Opt Out Form. If you choose to submit your Release Opt Out Form via the Online Portal, you should not return a hard copy of your Release Opt-Out Form.

THE ONLINE PORTAL IS THE SOLE MANNER IN WHICH RELEASE OPT OUT FORMS MAY BE DELIVERED VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION.

RELEASE OPT OUT FORMS SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR EMAIL WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

Exhibit 15

Rights Offering Procedures

CORE SCIENTIFIC, INC.

RIGHTS OFFERING PROCEDURES¹

The New Common Interests to be issued by and distributed by Core Scientific, Inc. to Holders of Existing Common Interests ("Eligible Equity Holders")² pursuant to the Rights Offering referred to in these Rights Offering Procedures (the "Rights Offering") are being distributed and issued without registration under the Securities Act in reliance upon the exemption from registration provided by section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "ERO Shares").

Unless otherwise agreed and subject to the terms of the Plan, the Eligible Equity Holders as of the Rights Offering Record Date shall have the right, but not the obligation, to use subscription rights to subscribe for the purchase of ERO Shares (the "Subscription Rights" and each holder thereof, a "Subscription Rights Holder"). In addition, each Eligible Equity Holder as of the Rights Offering Record Date is being granted the right (an "Oversubscription Right") to elect to purchase additional ERO Shares in the event that less than the aggregate number of ERO Shares offered in the Rights Offering is timely, duly and validly subscribed and paid for by Eligible Equity Holders (such unsubscribed ERO Shares, the "Unsubscribed ERO Shares" and such election an "Oversubscription Election)." The Unsubscribed ERO Shares issued upon exercise any Oversubscription Rights will be issued without registration under the Securities Act in reliance upon the exemption from registration provided by section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code.

All shares issued to the Initial Commitment Parties and Additional Commitment Parties (together, the "Commitment Parties"), if any, on account of their Backstop Commitments will be issued pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) and Regulation D of the Securities Act.

Only Eligible Equity Holders (including the Commitment Parties that hold Existing Common Interests as of the Record Date) are allowed to participate in the Rights Offering. No offer or invitation to subscribe or purchase is being made to any person who is not a Subscription Rights Holder, and no such person should or may act or rely on any offer or invitation to subscribe or purchase ERO Shares or Unsubscribed ERO Shares contained in this document.

None of the Subscription Rights, Oversubscription Rights or ERO Shares issuable upon exercise of such rights distributed pursuant to these Rights Offering Procedures have been or will be registered under the Securities Act, nor any state or local law requiring registration for offer and sale of a security. Any Holder who subscribes for ERO Shares or

¹ The Rights Offering Procedures are not final and remain subject to continued review and comment by the Equity Committee. As set forth in the Mediated Settlement, the Rights Offering Procedures must be acceptable to the Equity Committee. The Equity Committee reserves all rights to further comment on the Rights Offering Procedures in order to reach agreement with the Debtors on the final form of the Rights Offering Procedures.

² Eligible Equity Holders are Holders of Existing Common Interests as of the Rights Offering Record Date (as described below).

Oversubscription Shares that is an "underwriter," as that term is defined for purposes of section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code, will be subject to restrictions on its ability to resell those securities. Resale restrictions are discussed in more detail in Article [•] of the Disclosure Statement (as defined below), entitled "Transfer Restrictions and Consequences Under Federal Securities Law."

Any Eligible Equity Holder that holds Existing Common Interests with its Subscription Nominee (as defined below) in DTC (as defined below), to exercise the Subscription Rights, it must (i) direct its Subscription Nominee to tender its Existing Common Interests into the appropriate option on DTC's ATOP platform by the ATOP Tender Deadline (as defined below) and (ii) complete and return (or coordinate with its Subscription Nominee to return) a Subscription Form (with accompanying IRS Form W-9 or appropriate IRS Form W-8, as applicable) and pay (or arrange for its Subscription Nominee to pay) the Aggregate Exercise Price (as defined below) and Oversubscription Funding Amount (as defined below) (together, the "Aggregate Subscription Amount"), if applicable, so that such payment is actually received by the Subscription Agent on or before the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline (as defined below).

Any Eligible Equity Holder that holds Existing Common Interests directly on the books and records of the Debtors, to exercise its Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights, must complete and return to the Subscription Agent (as defined below) the Subscription Form (with accompanying IRS Form W-9 or appropriate IRS Form W-8, as applicable) and pay the Aggregate Subscription Price to the Subscription Agent, prior to the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline (as defined below).

Any Eligible Equity Holder that holds Existing Common Interests with both its Subscription Nominee in DTC and directly on the books and records of the Debtors, will receive multiple Subscription Forms, each of which must be completed and returned to the Subscription Nominee or directly to the Subscription Agent, as applicable (with accompanying IRS Form W-9 or appropriate IRS Form W-8, as applicable) prior to the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline (as defined below). With respect to the portion of such Eligible Equity Holder's Existing Common Interests held with its Subscription Nominee in DTC, it must to direct its Subscription Nominee to tender such Existing Common Interests into the appropriate option on DTC's ATOP platform by the ATOP Tender Deadline.

No Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights may be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged, hypothecated, participated, donated or otherwise encumbered or disposed of, directly or indirectly (including through derivatives, options, swaps, forward sales or other transactions in which any person receives the right to own or acquire any current or future interest in the Subscription Rights, Oversubscription Rights, ERO Shares or claims funded pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and any related claims). After Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights are exercised with respect to any Existing Common Interests, any purported trading, assignment or transfer of such Existing Common Interests shall be deemed null and void; provided that, with respect to the Initial Commitment Parties and Additional Commitment Parties, the transfer restrictions set forth in the Backstop Commitment Letter shall govern.

The Rights Offering is being conducted in good faith and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code. In accordance with Section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor or any of its agents that participate, in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, in the offer, issuance, sale, or purchase of a security offered or sold under the plan of the debtor, of an affiliate participating in a joint plan with the debtor, or of a newly organized successor to the debtor under the plan, is not liable, on account of such participation, for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the offer, issuance, sale or purchase of securities.

Additionally, any Eligible Accredited Equity Holders (as defined below) may become an Additional Commitment Party under the Backstop Commitment Letter in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Backstop Commitment Letter, including the requirement that such Holder's Backstop Commitment amount must be at least \$50,000; provided that, any such Eligible Equity Holder shall (or coordinate with its Subscription Nominee to)(i) deliver to the Subscription Agent a duly executed joinder substantially in the form attached as Exhibit "A" to the Subscription Form (the "Joinder"), including a duly executed and completed written investor certificate annexed to the Joinder (the "Backstop Investor Certificate"), (ii) provide the Subscription Agent and the Debtors any supporting information and certifications reasonably requested of them as to its financial wherewithal and status as an Eligible Accredited Equity Holder, and (iii) fund into the Escrow Account a Backstop Commitment Deposit with respect to Backstop Commitment by the Additional Commitment Party Deadline in accordance with the terms of the Backstop Commitment Letter. An "Eligible Accredited Equity Holder" is any Eligible Equity Holder that is either a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A of the Securities Act or an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a) of the Securities Act. In accordance with the Backstop Commitment Letter, each Additional Commitment Party will earn a Backstop Commitment Premium, payable in New Common Interests, equal to 20 percent of its respective Backstop Commitment amount.

All required documentation to participate in the Rights Offering must be completed and timely submitted along with arrangement of payment of the Aggregate Subscription Amount for the exercise of Subscription Rights and, as applicable, Oversubscription Rights, which must be actually and timely received by the Subscription Agent no later than the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, in accordance with all terms and conditions set forth in these Rights Offering Procedures and the Subscription Form.

The Initial Commitment Parties must deliver their Backstop Commitment Deposit within three business days following entry of the Backstop Order. The Additional Commitment Parties must delivery their Backstop Commitment Deposit to the Escrow Account by the Backstop Commitment Deadline (as defined below). The Commitment Parties must deliver their Aggregate Subscription Amount by the date that is specified in the Funding Notice pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter (the "Backstop Funding Deadline").

All questions concerning the timeliness, validity, form, and eligibility of any exercise or purported exercise of Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights shall be determined in good faith by the Debtors. Any Rights Offering submissions that do not properly comply with the requirements set forth in the Rights Offering Procedures and the applicable

Subscription Form(s) will be deemed not to have been received or accepted until all such defects and irregularities have been cured or waived in writing by the Debtors. Unless waived in writing, any defects or irregularities must be cured by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline in order to participate in the Rights Offering. The Debtors may provide notice to a Subscription Rights Holder who elects to exercise its Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights of defects or irregularities in connection with such exercise; provided that neither the Debtors nor the Reorganized Debtors nor any of their respective employees, Affiliates, or professionals shall incur any liability for giving, or failing to give, such notification and such opportunity to cure. For the avoidance of doubt, the submission of an inaccurate, incomplete, untimely, or otherwise defective Subscription Form or the failure to remit timely and full payment of the Aggregate Purchase Price (as defined below) to the Subscription Agent may result in the irrevocable relinquishment and waiver of a Subscription Rights Holder's purported right, if any, to participate in the Rights Offering.

Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Plan (as defined below), the Disclosure Statement (as defined below) or the Backstop Commitment Letter, as applicable.

Subscription Rights Holders should note the following dates and times relating to the Rights Offering:

Date	Calendar Date	Event
Rights Offering Record Date	November 16, 2023	The date fixed by the Debtors for determination of the holders of Existing Common Interests eligible to participate in the Rights Offering.
Subscription	November 17, 2023	Commencement of the Rights Offering.
Commencement Date		
Additional Commitment Party Deadline AND BACKSTOP DEPOSIT DEADLINE	5:00 p.m. New York City time on November 17, 2023	Deadline for Eligible Accredited Equity Holders to become an Additional Commitment Party by(i) submitting to the Subscription Agent the Joinder attached as Exhibit A to the Subscription Form, including the Backstop Investor Certificate annexed thereto, which must be executed and indicate such holder's Backstop Commitment amount (at least equal to \$50,000), (ii) submitting applicable supporting documentation to the Subscription Agent, including proof of financial wherewithal and to such holder's status as an Eligible Accredited Equity Holder, (such as

		account statements or a broker letter), reasonably satisfactory to the Debtors, in accordance with the terms of the Backstop Commitment Letter and (iii) funding into the Escrow Account a Backstop Commitment Deposit with respect to Backstop Commitment in accordance with the terms of the Backstop Commitment Letter.
ATOP Tender Deadline	5:00 p.m. New York City time on December 8, 2023	Deadline for Subscription Rights Holders that hold the Existing Common Interests "in street name" through DTC (each a " <u>Street Name Holder</u> ") to direct their Subscription Nominee (as defined below) to tender their Existing Common Interests into the appropriate option on DTC's ATOP platform.
Rights Offering Subscription Deadline	5:00 p.m. New York City time on December 8, 2023	Deadline to exercise Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights. Subscription Rights Holders who hold their Existing Common Interests through their Subscription Nominee must (or coordinate with their Subscription Nominee to) (i) submit the Subscription Form, which must be executed, and include applicable supporting documentation to Stretto, LLC, in its capacity as Subscription Agent (the "Subscription Agent"); and (ii) timely execute (or arrange for its Subscription Nominee to execute) a wire transfer of the Aggregate Subscription Amount, which must be received by the Subscription Agent by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline. Subscription Rights Holders who hold their Existing Common Interests through the books and records of the Debtor must (i) submit the Subscription Form, which must be executed, and include applicable supporting documentation to the Subscription Agent; and (ii) timely execute a wire

		transfer of the Aggregate Subscription Amount, which must be received by the Subscription Agent by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline. After Subscription Rights are exercised with respect to any Existing Common Interests, any purported trading, assignment or transfer of such Existing Common Interests shall be deemed null and void; provided that, with respect to the Initial Commitment Parties and Additional Commitment Parties, the transfer restrictions set forth in the Backstop Commitment Letter shall govern.
		Any overpayment of the Aggregate Subscription Amount will be promptly refunded in accordance with these Rights Offering Procedures. Refunds will not be paid to any Subscription Rights Holder, however, if they amount to less than [\$5.00] for such holder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commitment Parties must deliver the
		Aggregate Subscription Amount by the Backstop Funding Deadline.
Backstop Funding Deadline	December 20, 2023	Deadline for Commitment Parties to deliver their Aggregate Subscription Amount pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter.

To Subscription Rights Holders:

On [•], 2023, the Debtors filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (Houston Division) (the "Bankruptcy Court") the Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Core Scientific, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates (as may be altered, amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the "Plan"), and the Disclosure Statement for Joint Chapter 11 Plan Core Scientific, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliated (as such may be altered, amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the "Disclosure Statement"). Pursuant to the Plan, each Holder of Existing Common Interests as of the Rights Offering Record Date will receive Subscription Rights to the extent set forth in the Plan and may subscribe for its pro rata allocation of New Common Interests being offered in the Rights Offering (the "ERO Shares"), provided that, (i) for Eligible Equity Holders that hold Existing Common Interests "in street name" through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), it timely tenders/blocks its position in the Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP") procedures of DTC in advance of the ATOP Tender Deadline and (ii) for all Eligible Equity Holders, including those who hold Existing Common Interests through the books and records of the Debtors and those who that hold existing Common Interests in DTC, it properly executes and delivers (or coordinates with its Subscription Nominee to deliver) its executed Subscription Form for the Rights Offering to the Subscription Agent and pays (or causes its Subscription Nominee to pay) the Aggregate Subscription Amount as set forth in the paragraph below on or before the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline or, for Commitment Parties, the Backstop Funding Deadline, as applicable.

In addition, each Subscription Rights Holder will also have an Oversubscription Right to elect to purchase Unsubscribed ERO Shares in an amount not to exceed the total number of ERO Shares offered in the Rights Offering minus the total number of ERO Shares that such Eligible Equity Holder duly, validly and timely elected to purchase pursuant to its Subscription Right (such amount being referred to herein as the Eligible Equity Holder's "Maximum Oversubscription Amount"); provided, however that no Eligible Equity Holder may exercise an Oversubscription Right until it has also duly, validly and timely exercised in full its Subscription Right.

Further, any Eligible Accredited Equity Holder may become an Additional Commitment Party under the Backstop Commitment Letter in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Backstop Commitment Letter, including the requirement that such Holder's Backstop Commitment amount must be at least \$50,000; provided that, any such Eligible Accredited Equity Holder shall deliver (or coordinate with its Subscription Nominee to deliver) to the Subscription Agent (i) a properly executed Joinder substantially in the form attached to the Exhibit A to the Subscription Form, including a properly executed and completed Backstop Investor Certificate in the form annexed to the Joinder (ii) proof of financial wherewithal that must be reasonably satisfactory to the Debtors to support its Backstop Commitment and any information and certifications reasonably requested of it as to its status as an Eligible Accredited Equity Holder, and (iii) fund into the Escrow Account a Backstop Commitment Deposit with respect to the Backstop Commitment, on or before the Additional Commitment Party Deadline. In accordance with the Backstop Commitment Letter, each Additional Commitment Party will earn a Backstop Commitment Premium, payable in New Common Interests, equal to 20 percent of its respective Backstop Commitment amount.

If you are a Subscription Rights Holder and do <u>not</u> wish to exercise your Subscription Rights, no action is necessary.

The "<u>Aggregate Purchase Price</u>" for each Subscription Right Holder exercising Subscription Rights means the product of \$[•] per share of New Common Interests and the number of ERO Shares to be issued pursuant to such Subscription Right Holder's exercises of Subscription Rights.

No Subscription Rights Holder shall be entitled to participate in the Rights Offering unless the Aggregate Subscription Amount for the ERO Shares it subscribes for, and, it applicable, for the Oversubscription Shares it subscribes for, is received by the Subscription Agent (i) in the case of a Subscription Rights Holder that is not a Commitment Party, by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline and (ii) in the case of the Commitment Parties, by the Backstop Funding Deadline. No interest is payable on any funding of the Aggregate Subscription Amount. If the Rights Offering is terminated for any reason, your Aggregate Subscription Amount will be returned to you promptly. No interest will be paid on any returned Aggregate Subscription Amount.

As part of the exercise process, following the exercise of Subscription Rights, the Existing Common Interests that are held by Street Name Holders through DTC will be frozen from trading, as described below. All Street Name Holders must cause their Subscription Nominee to process and deliver the underlying Existing Common Interests through ATOP and complete and submit all the information required in connection with such delivery. By giving the instruction to its Subscription Nominee to submit the underlying Existing Common Interests through ATOP, each Street Name Holder is (i) authorizing its Subscription Nominee to exercise all Subscription Rights associated with the amount of Existing Common Interests as to which the instruction pertains; and (ii) certifying that it understands that, once submitted, the underlying Existing Common Interests will be frozen from trading until the Effective Date, at which point such Street Name Holder will receive the relevant ERO Shares and the underlying Existing Common Interests will be cancelled pursuant to the Plan.

The amount of time necessary for a Subscription Nominee to process and deliver the applicable Existing Common Interests through ATOP may vary. Street Name Holders of Existing Common Interests are urged to consult with their Subscription Nominees to ensure the timely submission. Failure to complete the steps set forth in these Rights Offering Procedures by the applicable deadline will result in such Subscription Rights Holder being deemed to have forever and irrevocably relinquished and waived its Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights. None of the Debtors, the Subscription Agent, or the Commitment Parties (except for only such Commitment Party's own failure), will have any liability for any such failure.

The rights and obligations of the Commitment Parties in the Rights Offering shall be governed by the Backstop Commitment Letter, including to the extent the rights or obligations set forth therein differ from the rights and obligations set forth in these Rights Offering Procedures.

In order to participate in the Rights Offering, you must complete all of the steps outlined below. If all of the steps outlined below are not completed by the applicable deadline, you shall be deemed to have forever and irrevocably relinquished and waived your right to participate in the Rights Offering.

1. Rights Offering

All Subscription Rights Holders who are <u>not</u> Commitment Parties, have the right, but not the obligation, to participate in the Rights Offering. All Commitment Parties have the rightto exercise their Subscription Rights as set forth in the Backstop Commitment Letter.

- All Subscription Rights Holders: Only Subscription Rights Holders who timely and properly submit (or cause their Subscription Nominee to submit) all documentation and required payments to the Subscription Agent in accordance with the procedures set forth herein will be eligible to participate in the Rights Offering and receive ERO Shares.
- <u>Street Name Holders</u> must also cause their Subscription Nominee to tender their Existing Common Interests into ATOP before the ATOP Tender Deadline.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan, these Rights Offering Procedures and the Subscription Form, each Subscription Rights Holder shall be distributed its *pro rata* (as defined in the Plan) share of Subscription Rights and is entitled to subscribe, at a purchase price of $[\bullet]$ per share, for $[\bullet]$ ERO Shares per Existing Common Interest held by such Subscription Rights Holder.

In addition, the Rights Offering Subscription Form provides that each Eligible Equity Holder will also have an Oversubscription Right to elect to purchase Unsubscribed ERO Shares at a purchase price of \$[•] per share, for aggregate cash consideration (such Eligible Equity Holder's "Oversubscription Funding Amount") not to exceed such Eligible Equity Holder's Maximum Oversubscription Amount; provided, however that no Eligible Equity Holder may exercise an Oversubscription Right until it has also duly, validly and timely exercised in full its Subscription Right.

In the event that the aggregate ERO Shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of Oversubscription Rights exceeds the number of Unsubscribed ERO Shares, Eligible Equity Holders who have made Oversubscription Elections will receive their *pro rata* share (measured as the proportion that the Unsubscribed ERO Shares elected to be purchased by such Eligible Equity Holder bears to the aggregate amount of Unsubscribed ERO Shares elected to be purchased by all Eligible Equity Holders) of the Unsubscribed ERO Shares and the difference between the Oversubscription Funding Amount actually paid by such exercising Eligible Equity Holders and the Oversubscription Funding Amount that such Eligible Equity Holder is required to pay after giving effect to the proration, if any, shall be refunded no later than five (5) Business Days after the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Commitment Parties must fund their Backstop Commitment (if any), pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and as described in these Rights Offering Procedures and the Plan.

Street Name Holders will be deemed to have exercised the Subscription Rights related to all Existing Common Interests tendered/blocked through the ATOP procedures of the DTC at the subscription rates set forth above. The Aggregate Purchase Price will be calculated based on the full subscription entitlement as set forth above.

To the extent the amount subscribed for through the Rights Offering (including pursuant to the Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights) is less than the Backstop Commitment Amount, the Commitment Parties will purchase any unsubscribed ERO Shares up to the Backstop Commitment Amount, as set forth in the Backstop Commitment Letter.

Any Subscription Rights Holder who subscribes for ERO Shares that is an "underwriter" as that term is defined for purposes of section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code will also be subject to restrictions on its ability to resell those securities. Resale restrictions are discussed in more detail in Article VII of the Disclosure Statement, entitled "Transfer Restrictions and Consequences Under Federal Securities Law."

SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RIGHTS OFFERING PROCEDURES AND THE BACKSTOP COMMITMENT LETTER IN THE CASE OF THE INITIAL COMMITMENT PARTIES AND ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT PARTIES, AS APPLICABLE, ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE IRREVOCABLE.

2. Subscription Period

The Rights Offering will commence on the Subscription Commencement Date and will expire at the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline (the "Subscription Period").

Each Subscription Rights Holder intending to purchase ERO Shares in the Rights Offering must affirmatively elect to exercise its Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights in the manner set forth in these Rights Offering Procedures by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline.

Any exercise of Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights after the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline will not be allowed and any purported exercise received by the Subscription Agent after the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, regardless of when the documents or payment relating to such exercise were sent, will not be honored.

The Rights Offering Subscription Deadline may be extended by the Debtors, in consultation with the Requisite Commitment Parties or as required by law.

3. Distribution of the Rights Offering Materials

On the Subscription Commencement Date, the Subscription Agent shall distribute, or cause to be distributed, the Rights Offering Procedures and the Subscription Form (collectively, the "Rights Offering Materials"), to all holders of Existing Common Interests in the ordinary course of distribution, including, through DTC for Street Name Holders, and to each bank, broker, or other nominee (each, a "Subscription Nominee") for any applicable holder of Existing Common

Interests identified to the Subscription Agent in advance of the Subscription Commencement Date. Street Name Holders must instruct their Subscription Nominee, as applicable, to tender/block their positions in DTC or the relevant depository. The Subscription Agent shall use such information only for purposes consistent with the Rights Offering Procedures and any order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Copies of the Rights Offering Materials may also be obtained by contacting the Subscription Agent or visiting the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/corescientific/.

4. DTC

Certain of the Existing Common Interests are held in book-entry form in accordance with the practices and procedures of DTC. The Debtors intend to comply with the practices and procedures of DTC for the purpose of conducting the Rights Offering with respect to the Existing Common Interests held "in street name" through DTC.

With respect to the ERO Shares issued to Street Name Holders, without limiting the foregoing, the Debtors intend that, to the extent practicable and consistent with law, such ERO Shares will be issued in book entry form, and that DTC, or its nominee, will be the holder of record of such ERO Shares. The ownership interest of each Street Name Holder of such ERO Shares, and transfers of ownership interests therein, are expected to be recorded on the records of the direct and indirect participants in DTC. It is expected that all ERO Shares exercised through DTC will be allocated to exercising holders through DTC on or as soon as practicable after the Effective Date.

5. Additional Commitment Parties

Any Eligible Accredited Equity Holder may become an Additional Commitment Party under the Backstop Commitment Letter in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Backstop Commitment Letter, including the requirement that such Holder's Backstop Commitment amount must be at least \$50,000. Pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter, to become an Additional Commitment Party, each Eligible Accredited Equity Holder must (i) submit the Joinder attached as Exhibit "A" to the Subscription Form, including the Backstop Investor Certificate annexed to the Joinder, which must be executed, (ii) include applicable supporting documentation to the Subscription Agent, including proof of financial wherewithal, reasonably satisfactory to the Debtors, in accordance with the terms of the Backstop Commitment Letter and any information and certifications reasonably requested as to its status as an Eligible Accredited Equity Holder and (iii) fund into the Escrow Account a Backstop Commitment Deposit with respect to its Backstop Commitment in accordance with the terms of the Backstop Commitment Letter by the Additional Commitment Party Deadline. In accordance with the Backstop Commitment Letter, each Commitment Party will earn a Backstop Commitment Premium, payable in New Common Interests, equal to 20 percent of its respective Backstop Commitment amount.

In order to facilitate Eligible Accredited Equity Holders becoming Additional Commitment Parties, on the Subscription Commencement Date, the Subscription Agent will send a Joinder, attached as Exhibit A to the Subscription Form, which shall include a copy of the Backstop

Commitment Letter as an attachment, to each holder of Existing Common Interests, together with appropriate instructions for proper completion, due execution, and timely delivery of the executed Joinder, and payment of the Backstop Commitment Deposit, by the Additional Commitment Party Deadline.

To the extent an Eligible Accredited Equity Holder becomes an Additional Commitment Party, each Additional Commitment Party's Backstop Commitment will increase the aggregate amount of Backstop Commitments on a dollar for dollar basis, up to \$55 million. The opportunity to join the Backstop Commitment as an Additional Commitment Party will be on a first-come basis based upon receipt of the executed Joinder by the Debtors from the Eligible Accredited Equity Holder, provided, that notwithstanding anything contained herein, in the Disclosure Statement, the Backstop Commitment Letter, or in the Plan to the contrary, the Debtors reserve the right, in their absolute discretion, to accept or reject any party from becoming an Additional Commitment Party. In the event the Debtors reject any party from becoming an Additional Commitment Party, and such party has paid the Backstop Commitment Deposit into the Escrow Account, such Backstop Commitment Deposit shall be refunded no later than five (5) Business Days after the Additional Commitment Party Deadline.

In addition, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Backstop Commitment Letter, the Requisite Commitment Parties are designated to take certain actions on behalf of the Commitment Parties, including with respect to, among other things, approval of the Definitive Documentation and amendments thereto and confirmation regarding the satisfaction of the Conditions Precedent to funding the Backstop Commitments.

6. Delivery of Subscription Form

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan, these Rights Offering Procedures and the Subscription Form, each Subscription Rights Holder may exercise all or any portion of such holder's Subscription Rights and, if it has fully exercised its Subscription Rights, its Oversubscription Rights.

In order to facilitate the exercise of the Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights, beginning on the Subscription Commencement Date, the Subscription Agent will send a Subscription Form to each holder of Existing Common Interests, together with appropriate instructions for the proper completion, due execution, and timely delivery of the executed Subscription Form, and the payment of the Aggregate Purchase Price and Oversubscription Funding Amount, as applicable, for its ERO Shares. Street Name Holders must also instruct their Subscription Nominee to tender/block their positions through the ATOP procedures of the DTC by the ATOP Tender Deadline.

All Subscription Rights Holders <u>must</u> return (or cause their Subscription Nominee to return) a duly executed Subscription Form, including any supporting documentation required therewith, to the Subscription Agent by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline in order to exercise such Subscription Rights Holder's Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights, as applicable.

7. Exercise of Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights

- (a) In order to validly exercise its Subscription Rights, each Subscription Rights Holder (except the Commitment Parties) or its Subscription Nominee (if applicable) must:
 - (i) if the Subscription Rights Holder is a Street Name Holder, no later than the ATOP Tender Deadline, (i) direct its Subscription Nominee to tender/block its position(s) of Existing Common Interests through the ATOP procedures of DTC in an amount equal to the amount such holder wishes to exercise Subscription Rights, (ii) return (or cause their Subscription Nominee to return) a duly executed Subscription Form to the Subscription Agent so that such documents are actually received by the Subscription Agent by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline and (iii) no later than the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, pay (or have paid by its Subscription Nominee) the Aggregate Purchase Price to the Subscription Agent by wire transfer **ONLY** of immediately available funds in accordance with the instructions set forth herein.
 - (ii) If the Subscription Rights Holder holds Existing Common Interests directly on the books and records of the Debtors (i) return a duly executed Subscription Form to the Subscription Agent so that such documents are <u>actually received</u> by the Subscription Agent by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline and (ii) no later than the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, pay the Aggregate Purchase Price to the Subscription Agent by wire transfer **ONLY** of immediately available funds in accordance with the instructions set forth herein;

provided that if a Subscription Rights Holder exercising its Subscription Rights is a Commitment Party it shall pay (or have paid by its Subscription Nominee) the applicable Aggregate Purchase Price in the manner set forth in the foregoing clause no later than the Backstop Funding Deadline.

- (b) In order to validly exercise its Oversubscription Rights, each Subscription Rights Holder must (in addition to having validly and timely exercised its Subscription Rights in full and having taken the actions required under 7(a) above):
 - (i) indicate in its Subscription Form its Oversubscription Election, including the number of Unsubscribed ERO Shares for which it is exercising such election; and
 - (ii) promptly upon returning (or having returned by its Subscription Nominee) its Subscription Form to the Subscription Agent, but in no event later than the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, pay (or have paid by its Subscription Nominee) the applicable Oversubscription Funding Amount by wire transfer **ONLY** of immediately available funds in accordance with the instructions set forth herein.

provided that if such Subscription Rights Holder exercising its Oversubscription Rights is a Commitment Party it shall pay or have paid the applicable Oversubscription Funding Amount in the manner set forth in the foregoing clause no later than the Backstop Funding Deadline.

In the event that the funds received by the Subscription Agent from any Subscription Rights Holder do not correspond to the Aggregate Subscription Amount, payable for the ERO Shares elected to be purchased by such Subscription Rights Holder, the number of ERO Shares deemed to be purchased by such Subscription Rights Holder will be the lesser of (a) the number of shares of the ERO Shares elected to be purchased by such Subscription Rights Holder and (b) a number of shares of the ERO Shares determined by dividing the amount of the funds received by the applicable ERO Shares price set forth herein.

The cash paid to the Subscription Agent in accordance with these Rights Offering Procedures (other than any cash paid by the Commitment Parties) will be deposited and held by the Subscription Agent in a segregated account satisfactory to the Debtors until administered in connection with the settlement of the Rights Offering on the Effective Date or promptly thereafter pursuant to the Plan. The Subscription Agent may not use such cash for any other purpose prior to the Effective Date and may not encumber or permit such cash to be encumbered with any lien or similar encumbrance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to the terms and conditions of the Backstop Commitment Letter, the cash paid by the Commitment Parties pursuant to these Rights Offering Procedures and/or the Backstop Commitment Letter, as applicable, will be deposited and held by the Debtors in a segregated account until released or otherwise refunded in accordance with the Backstop Commitment Letter. The cash held by the Subscription Agent for the Aggregate Subscription Amount received from all Subscription Rights Holders in connection with the Rights Offering shall not be deemed part of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates and, for the avoidance of doubt, will be non-interest bearing. The cash held by the Subscription Agent in the Escrow Account for the aggregate Backstop Commitment Deposit shall not be deemed part of the Debtors' bankruptcy estates and will be held in a separate interest-bearing escrow account in accordance with the Backstop Commitment Letter.

Each Subscription Rights Holder that participates in the Rights Offering is deemed to have made the following representations and acknowledgments:

- (i) Each Subscription Rights Holder recognizes and understands that the Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights are not transferrable, except in accordance with the Backstop Commitment Letter to the extent such person is a party thereto, and that the benefits of the Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights are not separable from the claim or securities with respect to which the Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights have been granted;
- (ii) Each Subscription Rights Holder represents and warrants that it will not accept a distribution of ERO Shares if at such time it does not hold all of the Existing Common Interests associated with its Subscription Rights and, by accepting a distribution of ERO Shares, such Subscription Rights Holder will be deemed to be the owner thereof; and
- (iii) Each Subscription Rights Holder represents and warrants that it held the Existing Common Interests associated with its Subscription Rights as of the Rights Offering Records Date.

8. Transfer Restriction; Revocation

The Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights are non-transferable (except, in the case of the Commitment Parties, as may be permitted under the Backstop Commitment Letter) and are not detachable from the applicable Existing Common Interests. If any Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights are transferred by a Subscription Rights Holder, such Subscription Rights will be cancelled automatically and neither such Subscription Rights Holder nor the purported transferee will receive any ERO Shares otherwise purchasable on account of such transferred Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights.

Once a Subscription Rights Holder has properly exercised its Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights, as applicable, subject to the terms and conditions of the Subscription Form and the Backstop Commitment Letter in the case of the Commitment Parties such exercise will be irrevocable.

9. Return of Payment; Rights Offering Conditioned on Effectiveness of the Plan

Unless the Effective Date has occurred, the Rights Offering will be deemed automatically terminated without any action of any party upon revocation of the Plan.

If the Rights Offering is terminated or otherwise not consummated, any cash paid to the Subscription Agent will be promptly returned, without interest, to the applicable Subscription Rights Holder as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than the later of the date that is five Business Days after the date on which the Rights Offering is terminated, or as soon as practicable thereafter or the date the Subscription Agent receives the applicable refund information.

All exercises of Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights are subject to and conditioned upon the effectiveness of the Plan. The Debtors will accept an exercise of the Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights only upon the confirmation and effectiveness of the Plan. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, in the Disclosure Statement or in the Plan to the contrary, the Debtors reserve the right to modify these Rights Offering Procedures or adopt additional detailed procedures if necessary in the Debtors' business judgment to more efficiently administer the distribution and exercise of the Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights or comply with applicable law, which any such material modifications or detailed procedures shall require the consent of the Requisite Commitment Parties pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter.

In the event that the aggregate ERO Shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of Oversubscription Rights exceeds the number of Unsubscribed ERO Shares, Eligible Equity Holders who have made Oversubscription Elections will receive their *pro rata* share (measured as the proportion that the Unsubscribed ERO Shares elected to be purchased by such Eligible Equity Holder bears to the aggregate amount of Unsubscribed ERO Shares elected to be purchased by all Eligible Equity Holders) of the Unsubscribed ERO Shares and the difference between the Oversubscription Funding Amount actually paid by such exercising Eligible Equity Holder and the Oversubscription Funding Amount that such Eligible Equity Holder is required to pay after

giving effect to the proration, if any, shall be refunded no later than five Business Days after the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

10. Fractional Shares

No fractional Subscription Rights, Oversubscription Rights or fractional ERO Shares will be issued in the Rights Offering. All allocations for ERO Shares will be calculated and rounded down to the nearest whole share.

11. Validity of Exercise of Subscription Rights

All questions concerning the timeliness, viability, form, and eligibility of any exercise of Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights will be determined in good faith by the Debtors, and, if necessary, subject to a final and binding determination by the Bankruptcy Court. The Debtors will not be deemed to have received nor otherwise accepted any exercise or subscription that is incomplete, inaccurate, untimely, or otherwise fails to conform to the requirements set forth in these Rights Offering Procedures. The Debtors may provide notification to a Subscription Rights Holder who elects to exercise its Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights, as applicable, of such defects or irregularities and permit such defects or irregularities to be waived, provided such waiver is executed in writing, or otherwise timely cured. Each such irregularity or defect, if reviewed, will be done so on an individual submission basis. For the avoidance of doubt, Subscription Forms will be deemed not to have been received or accepted until all defects or irregularities have been waived in writing or timely cured. None of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, nor any of their respective employees, Affiliates, or professionals, shall incur any liability for giving, or failing to give, such notification or opportunity to cure.

Before exercising any Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights, Subscription Rights Holders should read the Disclosure Statement and the Plan, each as amended or supplemented, and all additional disclosures of financial information, including additional quarterly reports for quarters ending subsequent to the date of the Disclosure Statement filed with the Bankruptcy Court and made available at the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.stretto.com/corescientific/ for information relating to the Debtors and the risk factors to be considered.

12. Modification of Procedures

The Debtors reserve the right to modify these Rights Offering Procedures, or adopt additional procedures consistent with these Rights Offering Procedures, to effectuate the Rights Offering and to issue the ERO Shares; *provided* that the Debtors shall provide prompt written notice to each Subscription Rights Holder (which may be through such Subscription Rights Holder's Subscription Nominee) of any material modification to these Rights Offering Procedures made after the Subscription Commencement Date, which notice may be provided through posting such notice on the Subscription Agent's website at https://cases.stretto.com/corescientific/; *provided, however,* that any material amendments or modifications to the terms of the Rights Offering are subject to the provisions of [section [15] of the Backstop Commitment Letter] and require the consent of the Requisite Commitment Parties pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter. In so doing, and subject to the prior consent of the Requisite Backstop Commitment Parties,

if applicable, the Debtors may execute and enter into agreements and take further action that the Debtors determine in good faith are necessary and appropriate to effectuate and implement the Rights Offering and the issuance of the ERO Shares. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed so as to permit the Debtors to modify the terms of any executed and delivered Subscription Form without the reasonable consent of the Subscription Rights Holder or Commitment Parties, subject thereto. The Debtors are not obligated to deliver any notice to the Subscription Rights Holder in connection with any reduction in the size of the Rights Offering, except with respect to the Commitment Parties.

The Debtors shall undertake reasonable procedures to confirm that each participant in the Rights Offering is in fact a Subscription Rights Holder, including, but not limited to, requiring additional certifications by such participant to that effect and other diligence measures as the Debtors deem reasonably necessary.

All calculations, including, to the extent applicable, the calculation of (i) the value of any Subscription Rights Holder's Existing Common Interests for the purposes of the Rights Offering and (ii) any Subscription Rights Holder's ERO Shares, shall be made in good faith by the Debtors, and in each case in accordance with any Claim amounts included in the Plan, and any disputes regarding such calculations shall be subject to a final and binding determination by the Bankruptcy Court.

13. Inquiries And Transmittal of Documents; Subscription Agent

The Rights Offering Instructions attached hereto should be read carefully and strictly followed by the Subscription Rights Holders. Questions relating to the Rights Offering should be directed to the Subscription Agent toll free at the following telephone numbers: (888) 317-1417 (domestic toll-free) or (929) 399-0959 (international) or via e-mail at CSRightsOffer @Stretto.com (please reference "Core Rights Offering" in the subject line).

The risk of non-delivery of all documents and payments to the Subscription Agent is on the Subscription Rights Holder electing to exercise its Subscription Rights and not the Debtors or the Subscription Agent.

14. Failure to Exercise Subscription Rights

Subscription Rights and Oversubscription Rights that are not exercised in accordance with these Rights Offering Procedures by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline will be relinquished on the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline, and none of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or any of their respective employees, Affiliates, or professionals shall have any liability for any failure to exercise Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights. Any attempt to exercise Subscription Rights or Oversubscription Rights Offering Subscription Deadline shall be null and void and the Debtors shall not be obligated to honor any such purported exercise received by the Subscription Agent after the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline regardless of when the documents relating thereto were sent. The Subscription Form(s) may only be submitted via the E-Subscription Portal. No other methods will be accepted. To access the E-Subscription Form Portal, visit https://cases.stretto.com/corescientific/click on the "Submit Rights Offering Form" section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your form. In

all cases, you should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery by the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline.

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RIGHTS OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS HOLDERS

Terms used and not defined herein or in the Subscription Form shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Rights Offering Procedures, Plan or the Disclosure Statement.

To elect to participate in the Rights Offering, you must follow the instructions set out below:

- 1. Read, complete, and sign Subscription Forms for the Rights Offering to the extent you wish to participate therein. Such execution shall, among other things, indicate your acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions set forth herein and therein.
- **Read, complete, and sign** an IRS Form W-9 if you are a U.S. person. If you are a non-U.S. person, read, complete, and sign an appropriate IRS Form W-8. These forms may be obtained from the IRS at its website: www.irs.gov.
- 3. If you hold your Existing Common Interests through DTC, coordinate with Your Subscription Nominee to (i) Tender/Block through DTC ATOP procedures the principal amount of the Existing Common Interests that you wish to participate in the Rights Offering as set forth in these Rights Offering Procedures prior to the ATOP Tender Deadline and (ii) return (or coordinate for your Subscription Nominee to return) your signed Subscription Form(s), IRS Form W-9 or appropriate IRS Form W-8, as applicable, to the Subscription Agent prior to the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline.

To access the E-Subscription Form Portal, visit https://cases.stretto.com/corescientific/ click on the "Submit Rights Offering Form" section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your form.

Submitting your Subscription Form(s) via the E-Subscription Portal is the only valid method of submission. No other methods will be accepted.

4. <u>If you hold your Existing Common Interests on the books and records of the Debtors return</u> your signed Subscription Form(s), IRS Form W-9 or appropriate IRS Form W-8, as applicable, to the Subscription Agent prior to the Rights Offering Subscription Deadline.

To access the E-Subscription Form Portal, visit https://cases.stretto.com/corescientific/ click on the "Submit Rights Offering Form" section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your form.

Submitting your Subscription Form(s) via the E-Subscription Portal is the only valid method of submission. No other methods will be accepted.

Arrange for full payment of the Aggregate Subscription Amount by wire transfer of immediately available funds as instructed in the Subscription Form.

The Rights Offering Subscription Deadline is 5:00 p.m. New York City time on [●], 2023.

Subscription Rights Holders (except the Commitment Parties) should follow the delivery and payment instructions set forth herein. The Commitment Parties should follow the payment instructions in the Funding Notice delivered in accordance with the Backstop Commitment Letter.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELIGIBLE ACCREDITED EQUITY HOLDERS TO BECOME ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT PARTIES

Terms used and not defined herein or in the Joinder shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Backstop Commitment Letter.

To become an Additional Commitment Party, each Eligible Accredited Equity Holder must follow the instructions set out below:

- 1. Read, complete, and sign the Joinder, including the Investor Certificate included therein certifying that you are either a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A of the Securities Act or an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a) of the Securities Act. Such execution shall, among other things, indicate your acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions set forth in the Backstop Commitment Letter.
- **Return (or coordinate with your Subscription Nominees to return)** your signed Joinder and Backstop Investor Certificate and the documentation contemplated thereby, including proof of financial wherewithal (such as account statements or a broker letter) to support your Backstop Commitment and any information and certifications reasonably requested as to your status as an Eligible Accredited Equity Holder, to the Subscription Agent prior to the Additional Commitment Deadline.

To access the E-Subscription Form Portal, visit https://cases.stretto.com/corescientific/click on the "Submit Rights Offering Form" section of the website and follow the instructions to submit your form.

Submitting your Joinder via the E-Subscription Portal is the only valid method of submission. No other methods will be accepted.

Arrange for full payment of the Backstop Commitment Deposit by wire transfer of immediately available funds as instructed in the Joinder by the Additional Commitment Deadline.

The Additional Commitment Deadline is 5:00 p.m. New York City time on [●], 2023.

Exhibit 16

Equity Committee Letter

(To be filed at a later date)